

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the West Manatee Fire & Rescue District for the facility cleaning, perimeter fence gate replacement, and roof repair due to damages in Hurricane Ian (DR-4673-FL PW 00660 PN 705555). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 6, 2022, for Hurricane Ian. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to locate this facility at its original location within the floodplain because the facility is dependent upon being located within the floodplain to remain within close proximity to the community it is servicing.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** West Manatee Fire & Rescue District
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4673-PW-00660 PN 705555, West Manatee FRD Fire Station 2
- Location of Proposed Work:** 10350 Cortez, Bradenton, FL 34209 (GPS coordinates: 27.462207, -82.665083)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the AE Zone, otherwise known as the area with 1% annual chance of flooding, per Manatee County FIRM Panel Number 12081C0283F, dated 08/10/2021.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The West Manatee Fire & Rescue District cleaned Station 2 and repaired a damaged perimeter fence gate located at its parking lot entrance. The district will also complete roof repairs on the fire station to restore the facility to its pre-disaster condition, and operational capacity within the existing footprint.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative, as required by Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 9. FEMA has determined the no action alternative is impracticable as the damaged components are part of a larger network supporting essential services within the facility. The no action alternative would adversely impact the human health, safety, and wellbeing of the staff who work within the fire station. No alternative locations were considered, as the facility is dependent upon being located within the floodplain to remain within close proximity to the community it is servicing, and relocation is impractical.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "Public Comments for 4673-00660 PN 705555, West Manatee Fire & Rescue District" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.