

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO  
THE REBUILD FLORIDA GENERAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

The Bay Living Shoreline Flood Control Project  
14 Day Public Comment Period Notice  
Posted August 24, 2020

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced in 2018 that the State of Florida would receive \$633,485,000 in funding to support long-term mitigation efforts following Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, and Irma through HUD's Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. This funding is intended to ensure the State of Florida is more resilient to future natural disasters. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) allocated CDBG-MIT funds to the State, which launched the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program to provide funding to units of local government, state agencies, non-profits, and non-governmental organizations to implement mitigation activities that reduce hazard risks such as flooding, severe storms, tropical cyclones, coastal erosion, and wildfires.

The City of Sarasota in conjunction with The Bay Park Conservancy is developing an application for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-MIT) Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program. The City is applying for approximately \$2.5 Million in funding to mitigate the risks to the surrounding community by raising Van Wezel Way Road which is subject to flooding, creating a living shoreline, and floodable green space, which will allow flood waters to rise, be absorbed, and naturally recede to mitigate the effects of coastal storms and flooding from severe rainfall and king tide events. The grant application compliments the City's on-going Sustainability Program and Climate Adaptation Plan.

This project is part of a larger effort to revitalize the existing 54-acre park to increase the environmental resilience, public engagement and education, connectivity via multi-modal trails and boardwalks, and preserve the cultural and historic legacies of the area. The funding will mitigate risks to the protected Community Lifelines of 1) Safety & Security and 2) Transportation. The applications must be submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity by September 14, 2020.

The City is seeking input from potential stakeholders and the public on the grant application. Please submit any comments to Marlon Brown, at (941)263-6402, or email: [Marlon.Brown@sarasotaFL.gov](mailto:Marlon.Brown@sarasotaFL.gov) by September 7, 2020. A copy of this post and any public comments received will be supplied to the DEO as part of the application process.

For non-English speaking residents, Spanish and Haitian Creole versions of this Notice and the Application will be made available upon request.

Project Name: The Bay Living Shoreline  
Flood Control Project

Grant: Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure  
Program (GIP)

Source of Funding: U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development through the State of Florida  
Department of Economic Opportunities

Location in our Community: Along the eastern shoreline  
of Sarasota Bay between Centennial Boat Ramp and the  
Van Wezel Performing Arts Center

What will Grant Money be used for: Create a vegetated  
living shoreline to protect against severe coastal storms  
and reduce flooding

Total Project Costs: Approximately  
\$2,500,000

Public Comments must be Received by:  
September 8, 2020

To Request a copy of the Application or to  
submit Comments Please Contact: Marlon  
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