

## FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Application

To: All interested Federal and State Agencies, Local Groups, and Individuals- Public Notice

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) have received an application for federal grant funding from the City of Folly Beach through the Hazard Mitigation Program (HGMP). Funding for this grant was made available after the (4492) presidential declaration following COVID-19. Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, flood plain standards, permit requirements, and conditions.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, and legal and safety considerations. Under executive order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to, and to provide public notice of, any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains and wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

**Applicant:** City of Folly Beach

**Project Title:** HMGP-4492-SC33 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West – Artic Shoulder Improvements

**Location of Proposed Work:** Intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West and Artic Avenue

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** The proposed project is located in a special flood hazard area (SFHA) zone AE and AO. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of South Carolina and local floodplain regulations and will have no negative effects on the FEMA floodplain.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** The City of Folly Beach is requesting funds to design, permit, and install draining piping and inlets, re-grade existing pavement, and provide improved vehicular parking. The purpose of this project is to provide drainage relief and provide improvement parking and pedestrian access.

### **Alternatives Considered:**

1. No-Action Alternative (no action alternative): If no action is taken to provide drainage relief, roads, properties, and adjacent structures will continue to experience repeated nuisance flooding.
2. Natural Drainage Alternative: Drainage relief was considered by installing a bioswale/ditch system along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West and Artic Avenue. This alternative was dismissed since there is limited land available for the construction of bioswales/ditches. Additionally, installation of bioswales/ditches would limit vehicular and pedestrian access to existing buildings.

The City of Folly Beach will be responsible for facilitating and monitoring the proposed project. Interested persons may review project files, including maps, or direct any comments or questions to in writing to Eric Lutz (elutz@follybeach.gov). These are due within 15 days of this notice.