

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
10/24/25**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, 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 or wetlands

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.

Applicant:

St. Vincent Health System

Project Title:

HMGP-4337-523-R St Vincent's Health System, St Vincent's Medical Center Riverside, Wind Retrofit

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:
1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville, Florida 33204

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The proposed wind retrofit activities shall focus on hardening the entire building envelope, including the roof, exterior walls, and all exterior openings, to enhance resistance to hurricane-force winds and associated impacts. The building's roof system shall be replaced in areas where the existing membrane has failed field pull testing, and structural updates shall be performed in select areas where the roof deck substrate does not meet current wind load and uplift resistance requirements. Exterior walls shall be strengthened through the installation of new insulated metal panel over cladding on cold-formed framing at select historic building façades that do not meet current wind load requirements, while the remaining façades with existing brick shall be weatherproofed by replacing all control and expansion joint sealants and tuck-pointing mortar joints as required, to maintain the structural integrity. Exterior openings, including windows, doors, louvers, vents, and exhaust fans, shall be upgraded with impact-resistant systems that meet or exceed applicable codes. To mitigate flood risk for openings below the 500-year flood elevation, the project includes installation of removable, stackable aluminum flood barriers and a sump pump system to protect against the potential for floodwater intrusion and minimize damage to wind retrofit components. The project scope also includes equipment tie-downs, lightning protection installation, and replacement of critical ventilation components to meet impact and wind-driven rain standards. Life safety and infection control measures are to be implemented during construction to ensure ongoing patient safety and compliance with state health facility guidelines. Due to its location the critical facility is vulnerable to high-velocity wind damage. The proposed wind retrofit activities intend to protect the integrity of the building's envelope and reduce potential damage from future high wind events. Wind protections shall be provided on any other opening such as vents, louvers and exhaust fans. The project shall conform with the design criteria found in ASCE 7 standards effective at the time of permitting, and all installations shall be in strict compliance with the Florida Building Code or Miami Dade Specifications. All materials shall be certified to meet wind and impact standards. The local municipal or county building department shall inspect and certify installation according to the manufacturer specifications.

The project shall provide protection against 142 MPH winds for Risk Category IV buildings and structures, or the wind speed protection and impact requirements indicated by the effective Florida Building Code at the time permits are issued. Wind protection activities supporting a critical action shall also be protected **to a height at or above the 500-year (0.2% annual chance) flood elevation.**

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) Temporary flood wall, retrofitting openings with protective coiling shutters, and roof mitigation only. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) Continued repetitive flooding is not alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) Temporary flood wall, retrofitting openings with protective coiling shutters, and roof mitigation only requires a high level of maintenance, storage, and manpower to deploy, and is therefore not practicable.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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