The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for The City of Key West’s wastewater treatment plant and lift station repairs due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4447-FL PW 03647). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA’s intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. 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.

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: City of Key West

Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4337-PW-03647; 27249 - Wastewater Treatment Plants

Location of Proposed Work: Site 1: Wastewater treatment plant, (24.56871, -81.79720)
Site 2: Lift Station A, (24.548700, -81.800471)
Site 3: Lift Station B, (24.560382, -81.803514

Floodplain: Project is located in the AE Zone, otherwise known as the area of 100-yr flooding, per Monroe County FIRM Panels #12087C1508 K and 12087C1516 K dated 02/18/2005.

Proposed Work and Purpose: The City of Key West will repair a wastewater treatment plant by repairing an aeration blower, pumps and motors, electrical controls, a generator, fencing and associated components, and an entry door. Two lift stations will also be repaired by replacing electrical pump motors. The applicant has an HMP to elevate the scum pumps above the BFE, install water resistant vents, and to brace or anchor a UV channel control panel box.

Project Alternatives: The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the area will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on the property, nearby residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the damaged elements are part of a larger facility and relocating it would not be practicable. The applicant has an HMP to mitigate flood risk.

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, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EH@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-03647, City of Key West at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.