

## WEBSITE PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY MITIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF VERNON

The City of Vernon anticipates applying for Round Three of the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program (GIP) funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support long-term mitigation efforts by assisting the State of Florida and its local governments in minimizing or eliminating the risks and reducing losses from future disasters. This program is being administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) thru the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. A total of six hundred eighty million four hundred eleven thousand dollars (\$680,411,000.00) in funding has been allocated by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program. The funding will be allocated through three separate funding cycles which will be held over a three-year period with the third funding cycle, to have applications due in to DEO on or before June 10, 2022. The amount of funding available in the third GIP application cycle is forty-two million two hundred twenty-three thousand, four hundred forty dollars (\$42,223,440.00). The minimum allowable grant request is five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00). Eligible types of projects are those that demonstrate increased community resiliency. Examples of some of the types of projects encouraged by DEO are as follows:

- Restoration of critical infrastructure (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, removal of debris, drainage, bridges, etc.)
- Re-nourishment of protective coastal dune systems and state beaches
- Building or fortifying buildings that are essential to the health, safety and welfare of a community (this can include shelters, police stations, fire stations, parks and recreational centers, community and senior centers, hospitals, clinics, schools and educational facilities and other public properties)
- Rehabilitation or construction of stormwater management systems
- Improvements to drainage facilities
- Reconstruction of lift stations and sewage treatment plants
- Road repair and improvement and bridge strengthening
- Upgrading of communications, energy, transportation and health and medical resources and systems
- Development of mitigation standards, regulations, policies and programs • Dam safety programs, seawalls and levee systems;
- Acquisition of flood prone and environmentally-sensitive lands;
- Retrofitting/hardening/elevating structures and critical facilities
- Relocation of structures, infrastructure and facilities out of vulnerable areas;
- Permanent relocation of residential housing and businesses located in high-risk areas through voluntary buyback programs and rebuilding in low-risk areas
- Public awareness/education campaigns
- Improvement of warning and evacuation systems

The City of Vernon anticipates submitting one application for a total of **two million two hundred sixty-five thousand six hundred ninety-one dollars (\$2,265,691.00)** in funding through Round Three of the CDBG-GIP General Infrastructure Program.

Activities that are typically eligible for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as well as specific additional activities as outlined in the State of Florida CDBG-MIT Action Plan for the program are eligible projects if no other funding is available to meet the need. Applications are due in DEO no later than 5:00 PM ET on June 10, 2022.

The City of Vernon anticipates submitting one (1) application for funding. The project synopsis and budget for the application being submitted is as follows:

**Sanitary Sewer Wastewater Treatment Facility and Effluent Disposal Restoration Mitigation:** Repair and/or replace components at the City's sanitary sewer wastewater treatment plant and spray field, including electrical upgrades, blowers, pumps, valves, filters, controls, meters, the SCADA telemetry system, and emergency electrical generators. The City of Vernon anticipates submitting an application for the following improvements:

| Structure Name   | Project Address or Description   | CDBG-MIT Funding      | CDBG-DR M0107         | Total Project Costs   |
|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Project Administration                                   | N/A  | \$113,284.00          | \$0.00                | \$113,284.00          |
| Project Engineering                                      | N/A  | \$217,822.00          | \$0.00                | \$217,822.00          |
| Wastewater Treatment Resiliency & Hardening Improvements | Repair and or Replace critical components at the City's WWTP and Spray Field | \$1,934,585.00        | \$1,375,621.00        | \$3,310,206.00        |
| <b>Totals</b>  |  | <b>\$2,265,691.00</b> | <b>\$1,375,621.00</b> | <b>\$3,641,312.00</b> |

Any resident wishing to know more about the proposed project should contact Ms. Karen White, City Clerk, City of Vernon at (850) 535-2444 or at email ([clerk@vernonfl.com](mailto:clerk@vernonfl.com)). Information relating to the proposed project and application can be accessed on the City of Vernon website located at <http://vernonflorida.net/>. Comments from the public must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022. All comments will be considered, and proposed changes will be submitted to DEO. Information relating to the proposed project and application is available for review between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. CT at the City of Vernon, City Hall located at 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive, Vernon, Florida 32462.

Any non-English speaking person wishing to provide a response to this public notice should contact Ms. Karen White, City Clerk, City of Vernon at (850) 535-2444 or at email ([clerk@vernonfl.com](mailto:clerk@vernonfl.com)) at least five calendar days prior to Thursday, June 9, 2022 and a language interpreter will be provided.

To be placed on City of Vernon's Website: No later than **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

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