

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of New Bern has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (NCEMA/HS) as a sub-recipient.

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 a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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: The Housing Authority of the City of New Bern

Project Title: 83123 – Housing Authority of New Bern Cat E All Buildings

Location of Proposed Work:

Address of Structure: 837 South Front St. New Bern NC 28562

GPS Coordinates (Latitude/Longitude): 35.104834, -77.04688

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the replacement of contents located in multiple flood zones included A or AE (1% annual chance flood elevation), or Shaded X (0.2% annual chance flood elevation). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 3720548900J dated 07/02/2004. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be installed on existing contents and will have no effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work has the potential to be affected by the location in an SFHA. The action will be mitigated by protecting the contents above the base flood elevation.

Proposed Work and Purpose: The Housing Authority of the City of New Bern is requesting funds to replace contents lost in the disaster, Hurricane Florence. The purpose of this project is to protect and replace the contents damaged during severe weather events as this facility located on the coast within the AE flood zone. The contents are being protected by storing them on the 5th floor of the housing authority's current operating facility.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is taken to replace and protect the contents located within the public facility, it will prohibit and hinder the daily actions and duties provided by the housing authority.

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:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer FEMA Region 4
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-00945 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due within 30 days of this notice.

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End of Notice