

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair or replace facilities damaged by **Hurricane Michael** occurring between **October 7, 2018, and October 19, 2018**. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA) project for the Calhoun-Liberty Hospital Association, Inc. (CLH) proposed main hospital building relocation in Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida, implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207.

Under a major disaster declaration, **FEMA-DR-4399-FL**, signed by President Trump on **October 9, 2018**, CLH was designated as adversely affected by the disaster and eligible for PA funding.

This public notice concerns activities pertaining to the CLH proposed main hospital building relocation project. The original hospital currently in operation is located at 20370 Northeast (NE) Burns Avenue, Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida (GPS Coordinates: 30.458591, -85.050107), and the proposed location for the new upgraded hospital is located at State Road (SR) 71 South, Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida (GPS Coordinates: 30.433266, -85.055042).

The proposed project is to construct and operate a larger, new main hospital facility on a currently undeveloped parcel of land, comprising of approximately 14.97 acres, at SR 71 South, Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida. The proposed 2-story, 63,200 square foot (SF) new main hospital building would be serviced by three covered drop-off areas. An additional 10,000 SF area adjacent to a new service building would include a larger parking area and helipad. Once the construction of the new facility is complete and fully operational, CLH intends to demolish the original hospital facility located at 20370 NE Burns Avenue, Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida. The new hospital building would be constructed to meet Miami-Dade building codes and standards, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requirements, and the Agency for Health Care Administration's health compliance standards.

FEMA has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA). An alternatives analysis was performed, which included the evaluation of the proposed action, repair to pre-disaster conditions, and the no action alternative. Further detailed descriptions of all alternatives may be reviewed in the SEA conducted by FEMA or by contacting FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov for a copy. The draft SEA is available for public comment and can be viewed on FEMA's and the applicant's website at the following locations:

FEMA WEBSITE LOCATION:

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_oehp-calhoun-hospital-draft-sea.pdf

CLH WEBSITE LOCATION: <https://www.calhounlibertyhospital.com/construction-corner/>

A hardcopy of the EA is available for review at the current CLH hospital facility located at 20370 NE Burns Avenue, Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida, during the following hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central Time.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for effects to federally listed threatened and endangered species. FEMA has determined that there will be no effect to any federally listed species as a result of this project. No coordination with USFWS nor NMFS was performed.

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to take into account the effect of their undertakings on historic properties. FEMA consulted with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and received concurrence for a determination of *No Historic Properties Effected*. Tribal consultation letters were submitted to nine federally recognized tribes with vested interest in Calhoun County, Florida. While no objections were received regarding the proposed work, two tribes requested additional conditions to be added to the project in order to minimize impacts to cultural and archeological resources potentially located in the area.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities to relocate and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. CLH's original main hospital building is not located within a special flood hazard area, per Calhoun County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) #12013C0210E, dated June 18, 2013. Additionally, CLH's proposed new hospital location is not located within a special flood hazard area, per Calhoun County FIRM #12013C0216E, dated June 18, 2013.

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions by emailing FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "PA 4399-01287, CLH Proposed Hospital Relocation" at the above address within 30 days of the date of this notice.