

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
February 19, 2026**

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:**

*Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc*

**Project Title:**

*HMGP 4673 (707) – Bayshore and Calusa Substations Looping*

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The area affected by this project consists of one structure in the following locations:

*To be Determined Transmission Route Between the Bayshore Substation [10550 Bayshore Road North Ft Myers FL 33917] and the Calusa Substation [~ 17521 Palm Creek Crive North Fort Myers, FL 33917*

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

*The project consists of the design and construction of approximately 1 mile of new Transmission Poles and Lines to create a loop between the Bayshore and Calusa Distribution Substations, allowing for electric distribution service to continue if the primary transmission feed to either substation was disrupted. Taking this action will benefit at least 20,413 meters and LCEC members. The new line will be designed and constructed to withstand higher wind speeds (~170 mph) than that of the existing line (~ 143 mph).*

**Project Alternatives:**

*The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the “No Action” alternative and 2) to design and construct an alternate loop to the North Trail Substation. The “No Action” alternative has been reviewed and rejected, as it is important to establish a second path for transmission. It is also essential to upgrade to transmission line that is designed to resist higher wind speeds than the existing transmission line to either substation. The Bayshore to North Trail Loop route was considered as an alternative, but this route would stretch nearly 18 miles, which would represent a significant increase in ground disturbance, exposure of transmission lines to damage, and a significant increase in total construction costs. For these reasons, the proposed alternative will be pursued through the HMGP.*

**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, March 22, 2026. 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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