



## **Public Notice**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) have received Town of Ridgeland's application for Federal grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

As part of the application process and in accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR §9.12, final public notice is hereby given for Town of Ridgeland's proposed project which contains actions in or affecting the floodplain and/or wetlands. The project will conform to applicable state and local floodplain protection standards.

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:** Town of Ridgeland

**Project Title:** Town of Ridgeland – Engine Drive Emergency Power Supply System Project

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The proposed work will be at the Town Hall, located at One Town Square in Ridgeland.

**Planning Factors and Considerations:**

Several significant factors were considered as part of this project, including, but not limited to:

- Consistency with local goals and initiatives to reduce impacts from natural hazards;
- The economic impact to the community;
- Legal constraints that may impact project execution.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

This project requires the installation of an engine driven emergency power supply system outside of the floodplain and/or wetland. This will not impact the floodplain and/or wetlands. Mitigation is achieved through this action and the avoidance or significant reduction of loss of property and lives during emergency situations.

**Project Alternatives:**

Two alternatives were considered for this project: Alternative 1) the no action alternative. This alternative is not viable because the property will remain vulnerable to emergency situations including property damage and health hazards; as such, continued negative impacts on the property, residents, and community may be experienced. The estimated costs to move human and physical resources to alternative locations to continue daily functions has averaged approximately \$25,000 during the last three hurricanes. This alternative works; however, it is very costly and tough to move during any major weather-related emergency situation. Alternative 2) is a portable emergency power supply which can be utilized at Town Hall or other areas in need and stored when not in use. This alternative is also costly, and may not be readily available to serve the demand as quickly and efficiently as a permanent mounted unit.

**Comment Period:**

Comment period must be open for a minimum of 15 days.

Comments are due by close of business on February 11, 2020.

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 can be made in writing and addressed to Dennis E. Averkin, Town Administrator, PO Box 1119, Ridgeland, SC 29936 or by email to: [daverkin@ridgelandsc.gov](mailto:daverkin@ridgelandsc.gov)

**Maps:**

A map of the project areas is available for public inspection on the website, [www.ridgelandsc.gov](http://www.ridgelandsc.gov).

**Point(s) of Contact:**

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