



March 10, 2026

Mr. Stephen McCraney, Executive Director
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
Post Office Box 5644
Pearl, MS 39288

Attention: Ms. Jana Henderson, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Reference: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Project DR-4538-0009-R
City of Bay St. Louis Road Elevation – Approval

Dear Mr. McCraney:

I am pleased to inform you that the project referenced above has been approved for \$675,517.00 with a federal share of \$607,965.30 (90%) and a non-federal share of \$67,551.70 (10%) to be paid by the City of Bay St. Louis.

The following is the approved Scope of Work (SOW) for the above referenced project:

City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, MS, applicant proposes to elevate Ireland St. (21ft. x 770ft, approximate 16,170 sf) by 2 feet, raise manholes, raise and replace drainage ditches, remove and replace sidewalks as well as realign driveways at Ireland St, Bay Saint Louis, MS, 39520.

Project Site Location:

Site Location	Starting Coordinates	Ending Coordinates
City of Bay St. Louis Ireland Street	30.338971, -89.405774	30.338251, -89.407728

Special Conditions:

Please refer to the attached Record of Environmental Considerations (REC) dated **February 20, 2025**.

Executive Order 11988-Floodplains Condition: All construction activities must occur within the existing footprint of the property. There will be no staging of equipment in the areas designated as a floodplain.

Coastal Zone Management Act Condition: The subgrantee is responsible for obtaining any required Mississippi Department of Marine Management permits/waivers. Compliance with Office of Coastal Resources requirements constitutes compliance with Mississippi CZMA. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize FEMA funding; verification of compliance will be required at project closeout.

Standard Conditions: Any change to the approved scope of work will require re-evaluation for compliance with The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other Laws and Executive Orders.

This review does not address all federal, state and local requirements. Acceptance of federal funding requires recipient to comply with all federal, state and local laws. Failure to obtain all appropriate federal, state and local environmental permits and clearances may jeopardize federal funding.

If ground disturbing activities occur during construction, applicant will monitor ground disturbance and if any potential archeological resources are discovered, will immediately cease construction in that area and notify the State and FEMA.

Quarterly Progress Reports:

Per 44 CFR 206.438(c), recipients must provide a quarterly progress report to FEMA indicating the status and completion date for each project funded. The report should also include any problems or circumstances affecting completion dates, scope of work, or project cost that may result in non-compliance with the approved grant conditions. Please include this HMGP project in your future quarterly reports.

Scope of Work Changes:

The recipient must obtain prior approval from FEMA before implementing changes to the approved project SOW. Per the Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, 2 CFR 200:

- The Recipient must obtain prior written approval for any budget revision which would result in a need for additional funds.
- A change in the scope of work must be approved by FEMA in advance regardless of the budget implications.
- The Recipient must notify FEMA as soon as significant developments become known, such as delays or adverse conditions that might raise costs or delay completion

Period of Performance:

FEMA will not establish activity completion timeframes for individual sub-awards. Recipients are responsible for ensuring that all approved activities are completed by the end of the award's Period of Performance (POP). The DR-4538-MS POP ends on **February 20, 2027**. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.343(a) and (b), all closeout liquidation period (CLP) documentation of incurred costs during the POP must be submitted no later than June 20, 2027. Any extensions of the grant POP must be submitted to FEMA 60 days prior to the expiration date.

This project must adhere to all program guidelines established in the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guide, which is the definitive policy document for the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA). The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for DR-4538 is also governed by the applicable FEMA-State Agreement for DR-4538.

Project Closure:

In accordance with 44 CFR, Section 206.438(d) the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) is required to "certify that reported costs were incurred in the performance of eligible work, that

the approved work was completed, and that the mitigation measure is in compliance with the provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement.” Therefore, to close this project, the GAR shall send a letter requesting closure to include the above certifications, as well as the following:

- Date work on the project was fully completed
- Date of the recipient’s final site inspection for the project
- Total final project cost, with the Federal and Non-Federal share
- Identified cost underrun (Fed and non-Fed share) as applicable
- Documentation that any conditions of the grant have been complied with, to include programmatic, environmental, and/or other conditions as identified in the award letter or Record of Environmental Consideration (REC)

The Obligation Report and Record of Environmental Consideration are enclosed for your records. The Management report is available in NEMIS. The obligated funds are available for withdrawal from the Payment Management System (PMS) on sub-account number **4538DRMSP00000095**.

We look forward to working with you and your staff. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Alicia Schoening at (470) 321-1065.

Sincerely,

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Shemeeka H. Johnson, Chief
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch
Mitigation Division

Enclosure (s)
Obligation Report No. 28
Record of Environmental Consideration (REC)

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

Obligation

Disaster No	FEMA Project No	Amendment No	State Application ID	Action No	Supplemental No	State	Recipient
4538	9 R	0	9	1	28	MS	Statewide

Subrecipient: Bay St. Louis

Project Title : City of Bay St. Louis Ward 6 Elevation Project

Subrecipient FIPS Code: 045-03980

Total Amount Previously Allocated	Total Amount Previously Obligated	Total Amount Pending Obligation	Total Amount Available for New Obligation
\$607,965.30		\$0.00	\$607,965.30

Project Amount	Subrecipient Management Cost Amount	Total Obligation	IFMIS Date	IFMIS Status	FY
\$607,965.30	\$0.00	\$607,965.30		Q	2026

Comments

Date: 03/04/2026 User Id: ZDARBY2

Comment: 4538-0009-R-DR-MS-HM Bay St Louis Grant POP 02/20/2027 Application 9 City of Bay St. Louis Ward 6 Elevation Project Allocation No Spend Plan Federal share \$607,965.30 Supplement 28 approved HMO

Date: 03/04/2026 User Id: ASCHOEN3

Comment: DR-4538-0009-R (App ID 9) Declared on 4.23.2020; POP 2.20.2027; City of Bay St. Louis Ward 6 Elevation Plan expires 2.21.2029; Award \$675,517.00; Federal share \$607,965.30.

Authorization

Preparer Name: ALICIA SCHOENING

Preparation Date: 03/04/2026

HMO Authorization Name: ZAKIYA DARBY

HMO Authorization Date: 03/04/2026

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RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION (REC)

Project ID: HMGP-4538-0009-MS (1)

Title: City of Bay St. Louis Road Elevation

NEPA DETERMINATION

Non Compliant Flag: No

EA Draft Date:

EA Final Date:

EA Public Notice Date:

EA Fonsi Date:

Level: CATEX

EIS Notice of Intent Date:

EIS ROD Date:

Comments: SOW: City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, MS, applicant proposes to elevate Ireland St. by 2 feet, raise manholes, raise and replace drainage ditches, remove and replace sidewalks as well as realign driveways at Ireland St, Bay Saint Louis, MS, 39520 (30.338689, -89.406417). - vyin - 02/20/2025 15:27:40 GMT

CATEX CATEGORIES

Catex Category Code	Description	Selected
*n9	(*n9) Federal Assistance for Flood Hazard Reduction Actions. Federal assistance for drainage, berm, water crossing, and detention, retention, or sediment pond projects which have the primary purpose of addressing flood hazards and: (a) Do not affect more than 25 acres, (b) Do not result in adverse flood risk effects to downstream communities, (c) Do not result in any increase of flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge if the action takes place within the regulatory floodway, and (d) Where the effect of the proposed project when combined with other existing or reasonably foreseeable development will not increase water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community if the action takes place in a floodplain with no regulatory floodway. This CATEX covers minor flood control actions as identified in Sections 1366 and 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act (NFIA). Actions that are not covered in Sections 1366 and 1361 of the NFIA, such as dikes, levees, seawalls, groins, and jetties, are excluded from this CATEX.	Yes

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Extraordinary Circumstance Code	Description	Selected ?
	No Extraordinary Circumstances were selected	

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW / EXECUTIVE ORDER

Environmental Law/ Executive Order	Status	Description	Comments
Clean Air Act (CAA)	Completed	Project will not result in permanent air emissions - Review concluded	
Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA)	Completed	Project is not on or connected to CBRA Unit or otherwise protected area - Review concluded	
Clean Water Act (CWA)	Completed	Project would not affect any water of the U.S. - Review concluded	

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Title: City of Bay St. Louis Road Elevation

Environmental Law/ Executive Order	Status	Description	Comments
Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)	Completed	Project is located in a coastal zone area and/or affects the coastal zone	CZMA: See Condition. - vyin - 02/20/2025 15:30:20 GMT
	Completed	State administering agency requires consistency review - Review concluded	
Executive Order 11988 - Floodplains	Completed	Located in floodplain or effects on floodplain/flood levels	EO 11988: Project is located within a VE Coastal High Hazard zone, per Hancock County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number # 28045C0333D and 28045C0334D, dated 10/16/2009, see 8-step checklist attached, see conditions. - vyin - 02/20/2025 15:32:06 GMT
	Completed	Possible adverse effects associated with investment in floodplain, occupancy or modification of floodplain environment	
	Completed	8 Step Process Complete - documentation attached - Review concluded	
Executive Order 11990 - Wetlands	Completed	No effects on wetlands and project outside wetlands - Review concluded	EO 11990: Project located outside the wetland per review of USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapper, accessed 02/11/2025. - vyin - 02/20/2025 15:32:30 GMT
Endangered Species Act (ESA)	Completed	Listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in areas affected directly or indirectly by the federal action	ESA: Per review of the Services best available data of threatened and endangered species including designated critical habitat(s) for the proposed action area(s). - vyin - 02/20/2025 15:28:09 GMT
	Completed	No effect to species or designated critical habitat (See comments for justification) - Review concluded	
Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)	Completed	Project does not affect designated prime or unique farmland - Review concluded	
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA)	Completed	Project does not affect, control, or modify a waterway/body of water - Review concluded	
Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)	Completed	Project located within a flyway zone	
	Completed	Project does not have potential to take migratory birds - Review concluded	
Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA)	Completed	Project not located in or near Essential Fish Habitat - Review concluded	
National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)	Completed	Applicable executed Programmatic Agreement. Activity meets Programmatic Allowance (enter date and # in comments) - Review concluded	NHPA: Per the Statewide Programmatic Agreement for Mississippi executed September 15, 2016 and amended (4) August 16, 2024, the SOW meets Allowances II.C.1.a, II.D.1.a, and II.C.1.e, as per SOI Qualified Whitney Rooks. - wrooks2 - 02/20/2025 14:48:38 GMT

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Environmental Law/ Executive Order	Status	Description	Comments
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSR)	Completed	Project is not along and does not affect Wild and Scenic River - Review concluded	

CONDITIONS

Special Conditions required on implementation of Projects:

EO 11988 Condition: All construction activities must occur within the existing footprint of the property. There will be no staging of equipment in the areas designated as a floodplain.

Source of condition: Executive Order 11988 - Floodplains

Monitoring Required: No

CZMA CONDITION: The subgrantee is responsible for obtaining any required Mississippi Department of Marine Management permits/waivers. Compliance with Office of Coastal Resources requirements constitutes compliance with Mississippi CZMA. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize FEMA funding; verification of compliance will be required at project closeout.

Source of condition: Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)

Monitoring Required: No

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