

FMA-PJ-04-MS-2022-008

Bay St. Louis - Elevations

I. OVERVIEW

The Bay St. Louis Elevation Project is near completion. We have completed construction of both structures: 4035 Honshu and 3100 Roberson, and we are 95% complete with project management.

II. CURRENT STATUS

- 4035 Honshu St:
 - All construction has been completed.
 - Pay App 006, 007, and 008 have been submitted to MEMA for reimbursement. This will conclude payments for this structure.



- 3100 Roberson Rd:
 - Davie Shoring (construction contractor) has completed all work. Inspection has been completed for all milestones. Payments 009 and 010 have been submitted to MEMA for reimbursement. This will conclude payments for this structure.
 - Amendment to increase Relocation expenses has been submitted to MEMA and FEMA. Delays are caused by FEMA review. We do not have an anticipated date of approval on the amendment. The amendment includes a line-item revision for relocation expenses and the addition of legal assistance to the budget. This does not increase the approved total project costs.



III. NEXT STEPS

1. **Weekly Progress Meetings:** Tetra Tech and BSL continue to hold weekly meetings. We have moved the project from every Monday to every Thursday morning to monitor project status.
2. **Progress Site Inspections:** Tetra Tech has completed all milestone inspections. Amendment has been submitted to MEMA and to FEMA for review and approval. As we await approval, closeout has begun and will hold until the amendment is approved.

IV. UPDATE FROM TETRA TECH

- **Next Round of Grant Funding Opportunities:**
 - The current FMA FY 24/25 funding has been paused. Once the period has opened again, Tetra Tech will work with MEMA to establish an internal deadline for BSL to submit a new application for this funding opportunity.
 - Tetra Tech and BSL have communicated with MEMA, and MEMA has confirmed that they will participate in any FMA FY opportunity.
- **City's Next Steps for New Funding Round:**
 - Once funding is open, the city will send letters to specific homeowners identified by FEMA as potentially qualifying for funding. This will help create a preliminary list in preparation for when the city selects a grant administrator.
 - Kim will prepare the draft letter and list of addresses.
 - The letter will clarify that the recipients were identified by FEMA, not by the city.
 - Homeowners will be asked to respond by emailing their name, phone number, and address to facilitate list creation for the grant administrator.
 - Alternatively, they can complete a form and return it to City Hall.
 - The letter will also emphasize that property owners must have a FEMA flood insurance policy effective as of the date of any NOFO, to qualify for funding.

V. ENCLOSURE



Date: 01/30/2026



Time: 9:00 AM

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Message to Grant Recipients on Manual Review Process

Dear Recipient,

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is taking swift action to ensure the alignment of its grant programs with Secretary Noem's direction. In accordance with this direction, FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are instituting additional reviews on all grant payments and obligations to ensure allowability, as permitted by 2 C.F.R Part 200.

Effective immediately, FEMA and DHS are conducting additional reviews of allocations before releasing funds for all grants. These actions will ensure that funding is obligated and disbursed in line with the Secretary's direction so that we can continue to support and prioritize communities and disaster survivors who rely on FEMA for assistance. Upon completion of reviews, approved funding will be processed through the respective grant systems. Per 2 C.F.R. Part 200, payment requests may take up to 30 days to process depending on the size and scope of the submission. If additional information is needed, a request for information will be issued, and the timeline may be extended.

As part of the manual review of your payment request, FEMA strongly encourages recipients to include the following information when submitting new payment requests:

- Will this disbursement go to any subrecipients, and if so, which ones?
- What is the total amount of funds going to each subrecipient?
- What activities will be funded by this disbursement?
- What is the time period covered by this payment request?

For existing payment requests currently in the system, FEMA will reach out if additional information is needed. Please note that if FEMA does not receive this information, payment requests will not be processed.

Should guidance be updated or changed, we will notify recipients that this information is no longer requested.

For questions, please reach out to your designated FEMA point of contact for the specific grant award.

Thank you,

FEMA Grant Programs Directorate