



FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Education of the City of Saint Louis has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) as a Subrecipient.

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, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

Subrecipient: Board of Education of the City of Saint Louis, St. Louis City, MO.

Project Title: Grants Manager #684874 – Repair of multiple damages at Soldan High School, PA-07-MO-4665-PW-00100.

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	GPS	Description of damages	Date of Construction
Soldan High School	38.65567, - 90.27183	An exterior door was damaged by floating dumpsters, allowing water to infiltrate the lower level of the building.	c. 1900s

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

The structure at 918 Union Blvd. is mapped in a Zone X, or the area of 0.1% Annual Chance flood hazard, as mapped on Flood Insurance Rate Map 2903850050C, dated 5/24/2011. This facility was impacted by the flooding caused by the heavy rainfall of July 26-28, 2022, and received up to six feet of floodwaters in the school. Based on the recent occurrence of flooding, FEMA is conducting a floodplain review. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and, therefore, will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Board of Education of the City of Saint Louis plans to repair or replace flooring, mechanical and electrical components (such as wall outlets and water boiler), building contents (such as kitchen equipment and dryer) and an exterior steel double door to restore use of the Soldan High School cafeteria and kitchen. The exterior door will be stronger than the previous door, reducing the chance of floodwaters entering the building.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The “no action” alternative would leave the high school cafeteria and kitchen unsafe to use and disrupt the use of the building for educational purposes.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): This alternative is not practicable as it would require moving the school kitchen and cafeteria to another location within the school. There is no suitable space available for relocation within the building.

Alternative #3 (Repairs, with mitigation): This alternative will restore the full use of the facility and render it more resilient to floodplain effects by upgrading the door by which floodwaters entered the school. This will reduce the likelihood of water infiltration in future flooding events. This is the option being pursued by this grant application.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public, local, state, or federal agencies, and other interested parties to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the following email: teri.toye@fema.dhs.gov Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4665-MO-00100 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days after the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice