



## NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS

### Background

The City of Foley, Alabama saw widespread and unprecedented damage as a result of Hurricane Sally in September 2020, highlighting a need to invest in resilience and hazard mitigation planning for the city. While the city has already taken several key steps to improve resiliency including developing a Coastal Flood Response Plan in 2021 and adopting the Coastal Construction Code Supplement to the International Residential Building Code, Foley still uses Baldwin County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and would like to continue making progress towards increasing the resiliency of residents.

The city recently applied for and was selected as a pilot community to develop a Resilient Housing Plan as part of an EPA-funded project titled: "Community Resilience Housing Guide: Creating a Stronger Post-Disaster Housing Framework for the Gulf Coast." As a pilot community, Foley will receive technical support from a project team consisting of Smart Home America, Mississippi State University's Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, along with funding to hire a planning consultant to assist with developing a Resilient Housing Plan that follows the general direction of the draft Resilient Housing Planning Guide developed by the project team. In piloting the development of a Resilient Housing Plan using the draft Resilient Housing Planning Guide, the city and consultant will be able to provide valuable feedback to the project team to further develop the Guide so that it is a highly useful resource for other Gulf Coast communities. The city now seeks to hire a consultant to assist with facilitating the planning process and developing the Resilient Housing Plan for the City of Foley.

### Scope of Work

The scope of work is twofold: 1) Test out the use of the existing Resilient Housing Planning Guide and provide feedback to the project team to improve the usefulness of the guide and 2) to develop a Resilient Housing Plan, using the Resilient Housing Planning Guide, for the City of Foley that is useful to the city.

The goal of the Resilient Housing Plan is to: reduce damage and loss of current housing stock; effectively apply for, receive, and use funding after a storm; and, improve planning and building standards for new and renovated housing to reduce damage and loss in the future. Addressing these goals through the lens of equity is also extremely important to the city.

The Resilient Housing Plan should include the following in some form based on the Resilient Housing Planning Guide, but can be tailored to meet the needs and capacity of the city:

- Analysis of Related Existing Plans and Ordinances
- Assessment of Existing Housing Stock *\*GIS assistance provided*
- Housing Land-Use Idealization Mapping *\*GIS and scenario modeling assistance provided*

- Damage and Loss Reduction Strategies
- Disaster Recovery Housing Plan Gap Analysis
- Stakeholder and Community Education Plan
- Strategic Funding Plan

The Resilient Housing Plan should be a standalone plan but may be integrated with the City of Foley's Coastal Flood Response Plan and other adopted regulations as part of a future Hazard Mitigation Plan.

#### Deliverable and Project Participation

Resilient Housing Plan for the City of Foley based on the Resilient Housing Planning Guide. GIS assistance for mapping and analysis will be provided to the jurisdiction and consultant as part of this pilot project so does not need to be factored into the consultant's scope of work.

The consultant will be expected to participate in periodic check-in meetings with the City, and further with the project team to provide feedback on the use of the Resilient Housing Planning Guide as part of this being a pilot project.

#### Compensation

Compensation for the requested services will be \$20,000.

#### Terms

Please provide a letter of interest that demonstrates an understanding of the project and scope of work along with a statement of qualifications no later than March 1, 2023. The selected Consultant will be properly licensed and have experience in this field.

This project should begin as soon as possible after selection of a consultant and should be completed by August 31, 2023.

Consultants can request a copy of the Resilient Housing Planning Guide for review.

Please submit the letter of interest and statement of qualifications to:

City of Foley  
Miriam Boone  
120 S McKenzie Street  
Foley, AL 36535

The City of Foley, Alabama reserves the right to negotiate with any consulting firm, after statements of qualifications are opened, if such is deemed necessary. The City of Foley, Alabama reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Any additional information required may be obtained by contacting Miriam Boone, City of Foley, AL Community Development Director at (251) 971-3451 or by email at [mboone@cityoffoley.org](mailto:mboone@cityoffoley.org). The City of Foley, Alabama is an equal opportunity employer.