

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: March 28, 2025

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: Sarasota County Resilient SRQ

Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box): 301 N. Cattleman Road, Suite 200

City, State, Zip: Code Sarasota, FL 34232

Telephone Number of RE: (941) 861-5309

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 14, 2025 the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ will submit a request to the HUD Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program for the release of CDBG-DR funds under the 1988 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (Stafford Act), as amended to undertake a project known as Suncoast Technical College - North Port Expansion for the purpose of constructing a new building to offer more career and technical education programs, renovate the student services area to meet the needs of the expanded enrollment, increase the safety and security through a single point of entry, and install an awning to provide a covered area for the trades programs to expand their lab space. The estimated funding of the proposed project is \$18,500,000.00 of which \$7,500,000 would be from HUD. The project is located at 4445 Career Lane, North Port, FL 34289.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Sarasota County Resilient SRQ has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment though mitigation measures are required for minimizing impacts due to the proposed facility's proximity to wetlands (see table in **Attachment A** for potential mitigation measures). Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Sarasota County Resilient SRQ at 301 N. Cattlemen Rd., Suite 200, Sarasota, FL and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ at the above address. All comments received by April 13, 2025, will be considered by the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Sarasota County Resilient SRQ certifies to HUD that Steve Hyatt in his capacity as Division Manager, Sarasota Office of Financial Management consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Sarasota County SRQ; (b) the Sarasota County SRQ has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Jacksonville Field Office at 400 W. Bay St. Suite 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Potential objectors should contact this office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Name and Title of RE Certifying Officer

Steve Hyatt, Division Manager
Sarasota Office of Financial Management

Attachment A: Potential Mitigation Measures

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
<p>Flood Insurance</p> <p>Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p>Sarasota County is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) (FEMA 2025). NFIP may be required; Resilient SRQ would ensure that insurance is obtained if required.</p>
<p>Floodplain Management</p> <p>Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55</p>	<p>The proposed project must comply with federal, state, and local regulations and would be designed, permitted, and constructed to meet FFRMS standards for HUD funding. The proposed project would be required to be elevated to two feet above the existing base flood elevation or implement floodproofing to meet the newly established FFRMS standards. NFIP insurance is not required by HUD but strongly encouraged.</p>
<p>Wetlands Protection</p> <p>Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5</p>	<p>The RE intends to avoid wetlands to the extent practicable and would install 30-foot buffers to avoid disturbance. For the wetland areas that cannot be avoided, the appropriate permits (e.g., Nationwide Permit) would be obtained from the USACE and state agencies. Therefore, the proposed project complies with Executive Order 11990.</p>