

Environmental Review
Community Development Block Grant
Office of Long-Term Resiliency
Sally – Infrastructure Repair Program



TO: Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James “Geoff” Amison, Environmental Program Manager *BB for JGA*
FloridaCommerce
Office of Long-Term Resiliency

DATE: August 13, 2024

RE: Escambia County BOCC
Evacuation Shelter/Multi-Purpose Facility Project
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program
Federal Grant Number: B-21-DZ-12-0001
FloridaCommerce Agreement Number: HS020

On August 1, 2024, Escambia County submitted the Exemption Certification and associated documentation related to the Evacuation Shelter/Multi-Purpose Facility project. Additional information was requested on August 12, 2024 and received on August 12, 2024.

After reviewing the information, FloridaCommerce confirms compliance requirements of [24 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 58.34\(a\)](#) have been met and funding specific to the exempt activities indicated in the Exemption Certification may be expended.

However, Escambia County’s Evacuation Shelter/Multi-Purpose Facility project does not meet the exemption requirements of 24 CFR 58.34(a) and therefore a higher level of environmental review will be required based on the project’s activities or scope of work. Refer to [24 CFR 58.35\(a\)](#) and [24 CFR 58.36](#) to determine the level of environmental review necessary for the remaining activities associated with this project.

Note: The environmental review must be submitted to and approved by FloridaCommerce before funds may be committed or expended for the project activities not covered by the Exemption Certification.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Evan Hausler, Environmental Specialist at (850) 717-8541 (Evan.Hausler@commerce.fl.com) or Geoff Amison, Environmental Program Manager, at (850) 717-8422 (James.Amison@commerce.fl.com).