

**Environmental Review
Community Development Block Grant
Office of Long-Term Resiliency
Mitigation – General Infrastructure Program**



TO: The Honorable William Mutz, Mayor
City of Lakeland

FROM: James “Geoff” Amison, Environmental Program Manager *jga*
Department of Economic Opportunity
Office of Long-Term Resiliency

DATE: November 10, 2022

RE: Exempt Activities Approval
City of Lakeland
Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood and Debris Mitigation Project
Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program
Grant Number: B-18-DP-12-0002
Project Grant Number: MT047

On November 2, 2022, the City of Lakeland submitted the Exemption Certification and associated documentation related to the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood and Debris Mitigation project. Additional Information was requested from the City on November 3, 2022 and received by DEO on November 9, 2022.

After reviewing the information, DEO 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, the City of Lakeland's *Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood and Debris Mitigation 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 [24CFR 58.36](#) to determine the level of environmental review necessary for this project.

Note: The environmental review must be submitted to and approved by DEO before funds may be committed or expended on the project.

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