



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0666

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 30, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Accepting Grant Funds from the State of Florida Division of
Emergency Management for Emergency Operations Center Improvements
\$1,114,396.85 and Additional Matching Expenses \$366,818.25 -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the acceptance of grant funds from the Florida Department of Emergency Management for \$1,114,396.85; and authorize the City Manager to execute any documents required to accept the funds.

Background

The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management (Division) has provided financial assistance to the City of Fort Lauderdale (Sub-Recipient) in the amount of \$1,114,396.85 through the Florida Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The sponsoring and coordinating agency is the Federal Emergency Management Agency via memorandum of agreement. The City of Fort Lauderdale has received a sub-grant in the amount of \$1,114,396.85 with a required grant match of \$366,818.25. The grant period began April 18, 2025, and ends July 31, 2026.

The grant provides an allocation of funds for Phase I of a new hurricane safe room and upgraded generator. This safe room will be constructed on the same parcel as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located at 2200 Executive Airport Way, Fort Lauderdale. Phase I of the project will encompass essential preliminary work, including surveying, engineering, design, plans preparation, permitting, and bidding. This foundational phase is crucial for developing the detailed plans necessary for Phase II approval.

The proposed design for Phase II envisions a stand-alone hurricane safe room engineered to provide near-absolute protection for personnel activated to work during emergency incidents. The safe room will be designed and constructed to provide protection against 200 MPH winds based on the criteria contained in standards set forth by the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$1,114,396.85. This action has a \$366,818.25 impact to the City’s FY 2025 operating budget for the required matching funds. Accounts below will be utilized contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM #25-0562.

Source:

Funds available as of June 4, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-529-331-504-P12996R	Emergency Operations Center - Safe Room and Generator Grant	Intergovt. Revenue Pass thru FDEM	\$0	\$0	\$1,114,396.85
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,114,396.85

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-529-60-6599-P12996	Emergency Operations Center - Safe Room and Generator Grant	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$0	\$0	\$1,114,396.85
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,114,396.85

Source:(Cash Match in Grant Fund)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-521-381-001-P12996AR	Emergency Operations Center - Safe Room and Generator - Grant Match	Other Uses/ Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$366,818.25
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$366,818.25

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-521-60-6599-P12996A	Emergency Operations Center - Safe Room and Generator - Grant Match	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$0	\$0	\$366,818.25
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$366,818.25

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2025 Top Commission Priority*, advancing Public Safety.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Coastal Management, Community Health, and Safety Element
- Goal 3: Prepare and guide coastal areas, residents, and resources before, during and after hazard and emergency events.

Related CAM

CAM #25-0562

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Sub-Recipient Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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