



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

#24-0281

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 2, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Accepting a \$59,000 Grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Citywide Vulnerability Assessment Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Grant Agreement - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution accepting a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in the amount of \$59,000 to complete a Citywide Vulnerability Assessment and authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the grant agreement.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale is on the front lines of climate change and regularly incorporates considerations and assessments of vulnerability to flooding into its planning efforts. The City is continually seeking opportunities to improve our community's resiliency to the increasing stressors of climate change.

§ 380.093, Florida Statutes, established the Resilient Florida Program (Program) in 2021, which is administered by the FDEP, and provides funding to increase resiliency to flooding in Florida communities. Although the City has considered and incorporated vulnerability in its planning efforts for many years, the City does not have a Citywide assessment that would be compliant with the statutory requirements related to eligibility for receiving funds from the Program. Completion of such an assessment is required to allow the City to become eligible for implementation funding for capital improvement projects, as provided through the Program.

In September 2021, the City submitted a grant application to the Program for the purpose of conducting a state-compliant vulnerability assessment. In May 2022, FDEP announced the City was selected for award of a \$135,000 planning grant under the Program. On December 18, 2023, the City was awarded \$59,000 in additional funding. The amendment will extend the Agreement for an additional six (6) months. Under the conditions of the grant award, the City will develop a Citywide Vulnerability Assessment Project to meet the criteria in §380.093, Florida Statutes, to generate elevation certificates of prioritized

critical government facilities, and to prepare an adaptation plan, which includes a list of City adaptation projects to address future-projected flooding risks. After acceptance of this grant, the grant award total will be \$219,000. The grant award total of \$219,000 includes a City match of \$25,000 that was committed in the original agreement. No additional match funds are required to accept the additional funds of \$59,000.

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City for the grant amendment in the amount of \$59,000. There is no funding required from the City for this amendment. This appropriation is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 24-0037.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of March 25, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-538-334-500-23GEVA	FY 2023 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida	State Grant – Economic Environment	\$0	\$0	\$59,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$59,000

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-538-30-3104-23GEVA	FY 2023 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida	Services/ Materials/ Arch/Eng Serv	\$0	\$0	\$59,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$59,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area; Goal 3: Build a sustainable and resilient community.

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Climate Change Element
- Goal 2: Achieve a climate-resilient community through the protection and adaptation of public infrastructure, services, and natural resources from adverse climate change impacts.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Florida DEP Amendment No. 1-22PLN42 A1

Exhibit 2 – Florida DEP Agreement No. 22PLN42

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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