#23-0599

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: July 5, 2023

TITLE: Resolution approving a Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement

for DR-4680 – Hurricane Nicole, and delegating to the City Manager the authority to execute the Agreement and any related documents, and to approve and execute any modifications of the Agreement - (**Commission**

Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement for DR-4680 – Hurricane Nicole ("Agreement") in substantially the form attached, and delegating to the City Manager the authority to execute the Agreement and any related documents, and to approve and execute any modifications of the Agreement.

Background

The United States Department of Homeland Security has awarded the State of Florida funds to reimburse municipalities for Hurricane Nicole expenditures, which was declared an emergency on November 7, 2022, by the State of Florida. Most of the hurricane projects will be funded by FEMA (75%), the State (12.5%) and the City (12.5%). However, certain projects may receive up to 100% reimbursement from the federal government.

FEMA, through the State of Florida, provides a modification to the grant agreement after each project has been "obligated" (agreement to reimburse grants) by the State. Obligation takes several months to occur, and the State requires a modification to the agreement for every project it approves. The grant agreement is attached as Exhibit 1 and modifications to grant agreement will be prepared and issued as the State obligates each request.

The City submitted a total claim of \$298,771 to FEMA for Hurricane Nicole. The City estimates it will receive \$224,079 in Federal funds from FEMA and \$37,346 from the State of Florida. The share to be borne by the City is expected to be \$37,346. The City has budgeted \$40,625 of matching funding for the City's portion of the expenditures.

The total grant funding and recovery amounts are contingent upon the Department of Homeland Security and State of Florida review and appropriation of each individual project worksheet or obligation.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive fiscal impact associated with this action in the amount of \$261,425. Estimated impacts were approved on March 8, 2023, via Resolution No. 23-52, budget amendment CAM #23-0087.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term financial planning

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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