



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

**#23-0759**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** September 5, 2023

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving a Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement for DR- 4709 – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding (Broward) 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**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a Federally-Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement for DR-4709 – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding (Broward) (“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 is anticipated to award grant funds to the State of Florida to reimburse municipalities for expenditures related to DR-4709 (“April 2023 Flood Event”), declared as a State of Emergency by the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida in Executive Order 23-65. Staff has been working closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify projects for reimbursement that capture damages incurred by the City during the April 2023 flooding event. It is anticipated that the City will be eligible for reimbursement of allowable expenses through FEMA (75%) and the State of Florida (12.5%). The City would be responsible for up to the remaining 12.5% of any costs.

FEMA, through the State of Florida, provides a modification to the Agreement after each project has been obligated, meaning that both FEMA and the State of Florida accept the project and associated costs and therefore agree to reimburse the City for the expenses as outlined above. The City intends to submit projects including, but not limited to: debris management, City Hall damages and associated relocation expenses; damages to Parks facilities; emergency pumping activities; stormwater infrastructure desilting; and emergency protective measures for Police and Fire Rescue.

The City has requested expedited funding from FEMA to minimize the immediate financial impacts of recovery. This Agreement must be executed for the City to receive reimbursement funds.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a positive fiscal impact associated with this action in an amount yet to be determined. Estimated impacts were approved on July 5, 2023, in the amount of \$13,386,704 (CAM 23-0341).

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading governmental 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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