



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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 1, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Reimbursable Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) for the Durrs Stormwater Improvements Project in an Amount up to \$10,500,000 - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Reimbursable Grant Agreement (Exhibit 1) from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) in an amount of up to \$10,500,000 and execute any documents required to accept funds, between the FDEO and the City of Fort Lauderdale, for the Durrs Stormwater Improvements Project.

Background

The Durrs neighborhood qualifies for this grant as it is approximately 220 acres of low to moderate income residences. Currently its stormwater needs are served by undersized infrastructure installed more than 50 years ago which has exceeded its useful life. As a result, the neighborhood frequently floods during small to medium intensity storm events, causing significant disruption to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, as well as damage to public infrastructure and private property throughout the neighborhood.

The Durrs Stormwater Improvements Project will replace the existing stormwater infrastructure as well as construct new infrastructure systems that will help with the neighborhood's flooding and improve water quality in adjacent waterways. The proposed improvements will reduce the frequency and duration of flooding events and offer additional protection against large storm events and future sea level rise.

Acceptance of this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will not require a local match. It is a reimbursement grant and is subject to the State's annual appropriation of funds. It will fund approximately 50% of the project's estimated construction costs. All work must be completed within 48 months after execution by the grantor, with the remaining construction costs to be funded from the Community Investment Plan.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of up to \$10,500,000 contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM 22-0011). The City’s share to fully fund the Durrs Area Stormwater Improvements Project is available in the 2019 Stormwater Bonds Construction Fund in the amount of \$12,962,445.

Source:

Funds available as of February 7, 2022					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
470-P11844.470A-C139	Durrs Area SW Improvement Grant CDBG-MIT FL-DEO	Intergovernmental Revenue / HUD CDBG-MIT Pass Thru Florida Dept of Economic Opportunity	\$0	\$0	\$10,500,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$10,500,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
470-P11844.470A-6599	Durrs Area SW Improvement Grant CDBG-MIT FL-DEO	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$0	\$0	\$10,500,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$10,500,000

Funds available as of February 7, 2022					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
473-P11844.473-6599	Durrs Area Stormwater Improvements	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$12,962,445	\$12,962,445	\$12,962,445
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$12,962,445

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Florida DEO Agreement No. MT046

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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