



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: May 16, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds and Execution of Hurricane Ian Grant Agreement and All Modifications to Agreement with State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management on Behalf of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Public Assistance Grant Program – (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreement entitled *Disaster Grants for Presidentially Declared Disasters* from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), and to execute all modifications to agreement and documents required to accept funds between the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

The United States Department of Homeland Security has awarded the State of Florida funds to reimburse municipalities for Hurricane Ian expenditures. 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 \$176,200 to FEMA for Hurricane Ian. The City estimates it will receive \$132,150 in Federal funds from FEMA and \$22,025 from the State of Florida. The share to be borne by the City is expected to be \$22,025. The City has budgeted \$25,000 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 \$154,175. 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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