



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

#19-0402

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: May 7, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds and Execution of Hurricane Irma Grant Agreement and All Modifications to Agreement with the 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

It is recommended 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 Irma 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 this year, the State requires a modification to agreement for every project it approves. In the past, the State issued only one agreement with no modifications when the City became eligible for FEMA reimbursement. City staff completed its submittal of 30 projects on March 21, 2019. 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 has submitted a total claim of \$31,277,589 to FEMA for Hurricane Irma. The City estimates it will receive \$24,011,290 in Federal funds from FEMA and \$3,638,149

from the State of Florida. The share to be borne by the City is expected to be \$3,638,149. The City has budgeted \$5,313,763 of match 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 is no impact associated with this action. Estimated impacts were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2017 via CAMs 17-0924 and 17-1239.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably

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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