



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

#19-0967

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 15, 2019

TITLE: Motion Approving a Contract for Disaster Cost Recovery and Related
Grant and Project Management Services - Thompson Consulting
Services, LLC - \$4,500,000 (estimated three-year total) - **(Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a three-year contract, in substantially the form attached, to purchase disaster cost recovery and related grant and project management services from Thompson Consulting Services, LLC ("TCS"), via the Volusia County Contract No. 17-SQ-43BB for an estimated three-year amount of \$4,500,000 and authorize the City Manager to approve two one-year renewal options, contingent upon approval and appropriation of funds.

Background

The Federal Emergency Management Administration ("FEMA") provides grant reimbursement to state and local governments under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Following Hurricane Irma in September 2017, the City filed projects representing more than \$31 million for damages and expenses incurred and seeking reimbursement for more than \$27 million. These costs include reimbursement for force account labor, direct contractor expenses and facility and infrastructure inspections and repairs.

While the City has an existing contract (#865-11764) with TCS providing grant filing support related to disaster debris (CAM #16-0989), all other FEMA claims are handled by City staff. Staff recommends the purchase of additional support services from TCS for disaster cost recovery and related grant and project management services to facilitate complete and timely filing as required by FEMA and maximizing the opportunity for reimbursement. FEMA currently allows for a reimbursement of administrative expenses related to disasters up to 5 percent of the total project cost.

Pursuant to Section 2-181(f)(5)(b) Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the City may participate in a contract entered into by another governmental or public entity and a provider of supplies or services required by the City, if the Chief Procurement Officer determines that it is practicable and advantageous for the city to

employ this method of procurement. The Chief Procurement Officer has determined that it would be practicable and advantageous for the city to use this method of procurement for this agreement. This purchase will be made in accordance with Volusia County Contract No. 17-SQ-43BB from TCS in the amount of \$4,500,000.

Resource Impact

There is no current fiscal year impact to the City for this contract award. Funding will be appropriated upon the declaration of an emergency or as soon as practical thereafter.

Strategic Connections

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

- Goal 10: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.
 - Objective 1: Provide and effectively communicate comprehensive emergency management planning and disaster recovery.
 - Initiative 3: Ensure excellent internal emergency management coordination of executive leadership, personnel, resources, and communications.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Volusia County Contract No. 17-SQ-43BB and Amendment No. 1

Exhibit 2 – Agreement

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