



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#26-0768

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

FROM: Christopher Cooper, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2026

TITLE: Resilient Broward Grant Program presentation by Dr. Jennifer Jurado –
Broward County Chief Resilience Officer / Deputy Director, Public Works
and Environmental Services Department – Public Works Department
(**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Broward County Chief Resilience Officer / Deputy Director – Public Works and Environmental Services Department, is presenting on the Resilient Broward Grant Program. Broward County has developed a comprehensive Resilient Broward Plan featuring major adaptation strategies, such as upgraded seawalls, enhanced pump stations, improved drainage systems, expanded storage, and green infrastructure. County modeling demonstrates significant reductions in flood impacts when these adaptations are implemented.

The Resilient Broward Grant Program is designed to accelerate local project implementation. The County Commission approved \$20 million for resilience plan implementation with up to a 25% cost share. Grant criteria include consistency with County resilience plans, project readiness, project included in completed resilience or stormwater plan or vulnerability assessment, quantifiable flood-risk reduction, cost-benefit justification, and areas previously impacted by flooding. Eligible costs cover design, permitting, construction, and required telemetry installation, with a three-year grant term. The grant program is scheduled to kick-off in Fall 2026.

City of Fort Lauderdale staff have been reviewing the Broward County program to evaluate City projects that may meet program criteria and align with program timelines. These include project in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and Fortify Lauderdale.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Presentation

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