

City of Tamarac
Interoffice Memorandum
Department

To: Michael C. Cernech, City Manager
From: Laura Karpaviciute, Assistant to the City Manager
Thru: Kathleen Gunn, Assistant City Manager
Date: May 12, 2020
Re: TR 13431 - Hurricane Irma Rebuild Florida Grant Programs Applications

Recommendation:

Place TR 13431 on May 27, 2020 City Commission Meeting agenda for adoption.

Issue:

Authorization for appropriate city officials to submit applications and necessary documentation for the Hurricane Irma Rebuild Florida Grant Programs on behalf of the City.

Background:

As a responsible steward of public funds, the City has a robust grants program to effectively leverage public funds and seek out alternative or additional funding sources in order to reduce the burden on the City's taxpayers. Over the years, this program has successfully secured a variety of funding sources for many parks, infrastructure and other projects aimed at improving city services, resident quality of life, safety, disaster preparedness, mitigation and environmental protection, along with promoting economic development.

The City has been looking to further increase the efforts to seek out alternative revenue sources, which has become even more important in the current fiscal climate, where the Covid-19 pandemic is projected to have a significant negative fiscal impact on the City's revenues.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunities made several grant funding opportunities available via Rebuilt Florida Programs:

- \$75,000,000 allocated for the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program
- \$100,000,000 allocated for the Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program
- \$475,000,000 allocated for the Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program
- \$20,000,000 allocated for the Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Planning Program.

City staff identified several critical projects that meet the grant program criteria, such as Tamarac Lakes water mains relocation, Tract 27 high service pump building hardening, Water treatment plant, east side distribution expansion, citywide ADA assessment study, and/or SMART city resiliency study.

The grant application process requires that the City Commission approves application submittal. Once the grants are awarded, the City Commission has the final authority to accept the grant, its terms and conditions and to authorize staff to execute the grant contracts.

TR 13431 authorizes the submittal of the Rebuild Florida grant applications and authorizes the appropriate City officials to execute and file such applications, along with the necessary documents.

Fiscal Impact:

The associated grant management cost will not exceed \$21,000. Funds are available in the account #441-6020-533.31-00.

Should these applications be successful, the net positive budgetary impact may potentially reach several million dollars. The local match and the net positive impact of each grant will be reflected in the grant award acceptance resolutions to be brought forward for the City Commission approval in the event of award.