

City of Tamarac
Interoffice Memorandum
Financial Services Department

To: Michael C. Cernech, City Manager

Through: Christine Josephs Cajuste, Interim Director of Financial Services

From: Michael Gresek, Grants Administrator

Date: June 15, 2020

Re: TR#13449: Accepting and Authorizing the Execution of a CDBG-DR Subrecipient Grant Agreement with FDEO/HUD for the Wastewater Lift Station Generator Project

Recommendation:

The Interim Director of Financial Services recommends the above referenced item be placed on the agenda for approval at the July 8, 2020 City Commission Meeting.

Issue:

The City is the recipient of a \$353,000 award from the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Repair Program for the provision of four generators at four wastewater lift station locations within the City. Execution of a grant agreement is necessary to receive the grant funding.

Background:

The City of Tamarac was awarded a CDBG-DR grant through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD provides grants to help cities, counties, and states recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas. This CDBG-DR grant cycle is being administered to assist with costs related to Hurricane Irma. For grants awarded in Florida, HUD will administer these federal dollars through a subrecipient grant agreement with the Florida Division of Economic Opportunity (FDEO). The attached agreement must be accepted and executed before the project may begin and grant funds may be requested for reimbursement. The attached Resolution accepts the agreement and authorizes the City Manager and appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents with FDEO.

Tamarac has numerous wastewater lift stations located throughout the City. The lift stations provide the necessary task of pumping sewage from communities for treatment. The lift stations operate on electricity, which is frequently lost during the severe storms and hurricanes we have in south Florida. When power is lost, generators supply emergency power needed for lift stations to continue pumping wastewater so no backups occur and create public health hazards.

During a lift station operations analysis, City staff determined that four lift station sites were problematic and required repeated temporary, mobile generators to power wastewater pumps, particularly during storms when power was lost. Accordingly, staff placed this project to install permanent generators for these lift stations into the FY2019 Adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that was approved by the City Commission on 9/20/18. With this approval, staff successfully applied for the CDBG-DR grant to assist with funding this project. These stations are located at the following sites:

LIFT STATION LOCATION	
16A	9400 NW 57 th Street (Challenger Elementary)
2E	2811 NW 48 th Street (E.Tamarac near Prospect)
34	9700 NW 77th Street (Weldon)
37	10100 NW 80th Street (Near TSC)

Fiscal Impact:

The attached subrecipient grant award will provide \$353,000 in financial assistance toward the City's Lift Station Generator project. No match is required to accept this grant award.

In addition, this grant will join a \$431,668.⁵⁰ Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that was accepted in January 2020 for the same project. The two grants will provide over \$784,000 toward the Lift Station Generator Project as shown below. Once fully executed by both parties, the City has 24 months to spend the CDBG-DR grant funds.

PROJECT BUDGET AWARD DETAIL	
\$ 785,000.00	Generators: FY19 CIP + Updated Costs
\$ 353,000.00	CDBG-DR Grant Award (\$0 match)
\$ 431,668.50	HMGP Grant Award (Net 25% match)
\$ 331.50	Net Project Cost to City: .04%