



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2025-09

Agenda Date: January 16, 2025

Department: Department of Financial Services

Title: 2025-09 Resolution for Grants Related to Florida Hurricane Helene, DR-4828-FL (B)

Department: Financial Services

Description: A resolution to enter into grant agreements with the Florida Division of Emergency Management via FEMA for eligible expenses related to Hurricane Helene.

Fiscal Note: FEMA Public Assistance Funds will provide reimbursements to various funding sources expended during the Hurricane Helene Declared State of Emergency in 2024.

Explanation: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation funding is available to the City of Gainesville through the Hurricane Helene Federal Disaster Declaration, DR-4828-FL.

Public Assistance funding will allow the City to recover the estimated \$286,000 costs for emergency protective measures taken in preparation for the storm such as its sand bag operations, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staffing, and materials and supplies. The City will also seek to recover the estimated \$2,000,000 cost for debris removal and monitoring.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☐ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☒ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☐ Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the Resolution which authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute and enter into agreements, grant applications and any other necessary documents with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Public Assistance and the Public Assistance (PA) related to Hurricane Helene, DR-4828-FL, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.