



City of Gainesville Agenda Report

File #: 2022-561

Agenda Date: October 6, 2022

Department: Public Works

Title: Resilient Florida Grants 2022-561 (B)

Explanation:

This item is a request for the City Commission to approve the submission and acceptance of three grants, if awarded, by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection – under the Resilient Florida Grant program.

The Florida Department of Department of Environmental Protection has announced a competitive grant program to provide funding assistance to Florida communities that are interested in developing planning studies and projects that address risks of flooding or sea level rise.

Three projects will be submitted for funding consideration; Adaptation Plan for Resilient Critical Assets, Road Culvert Replacement Phase 1 and Glen Springs Creek Restoration. The Adaptation Plan will encompass city limits and the GRU service area. Projects to adapt critical assets to the impacts of climate change will be developed with cost estimates. The second project will replace a roadway culvert that was substantially damaged by flooding during Tropical Storm Elsa in 2021. Phase 1 includes the Hydrologic and Hydraulic modeling, construction plans preparation and permitting. The third project will repair a stormwater pond damaged by erosion and establish a grade control structure to stabilize the stream in this location.

Strategic Connection:

Goal 2: Sustainable Community - a normal priority item.

Fiscal Note:

The grant request for the Adaptation Plan for Resilient Critical Assets is \$400,000. If awarded, no local match is required for the planning study.

A 50 % local match is required. The grant request for the Airport Road Replacement Phase 1 is \$330,000 (\$165,000) and the grant request for the Glen Springs Creek Restoration is \$480,000 (\$240,000). The source of funding is the Stormwater Management Utility Surcharge fund providing \$405,000 in FY24.

Recommendation:

The City Commission authorize the City Manager, or designee, to apply for three Resilient Florida Grants with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Adaptation Plan for Resilient Critical Assets, Airport Road Culvert Replacement and Glen Springs Creek Restoration and execute a grant agreement and related documents, if awarded, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.