



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-319

Agenda Date: April 6, 2023

Department: Financial Services

Title: 2023-319 Resolution for Grants Related to Hurricane Ian (B)

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Description: A resolution to enter into grant agreements with the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FEMA) for eligible expenses related to Hurricane Ian.

Fiscal Note: FEMA Public Assistant Funds will provide reimbursements to various funding sources expended during the Hurricane Ian Declared State of Emergency in 2022. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) requires a local match of 25%; the local match for any awarded projects will be funded with the Stormwater Management Utility Fund and/or through a Joint Participation Agreement with the Gainesville Regional Airport.

Explanation: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation funding is available to the City of Gainesville through the Hurricane Ian Federal Disaster Declaration, DR-4673.

Public Assistance funding will allow the City to recover costs for emergency protective measures taken in preparation for the storm such as its sand bag operations, pumping down stormwater ponds and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staffing.

Additionally, funding for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) will be made available and FEMA estimates that Alachua County will receive \$1,788,082 for mitigation projects for Hurricane Ian. FEMA requires the Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group to recommend allocation of HMGP funding to projects on the Ranked Priority List. LMS Priority 1 and 3 are City Projects. The available funds will enable Priority 1 (Airport Runway Stabilization) to be funded, and potentially Priority 3 (Airport Road Culvert Replacement) to be funded.

Airport Runway Stabilization includes development a modern Hydrologic and Hydraulic study for Little Hatchett Creek and to stabilize severe erosion in phosphorus rich clays that are contributing nutrient pollutants to Newnans Lake, an impaired water body.

The Airport Road Culvert Replacement will restore NE 40th Drive that washed out during Hurricane Ian. This roadway provides a transportation and utility corridor between the Airport and the adjacent Airport Industrial Park.

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 HMGP related to Hurricane Ian, DR-4673, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.