



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2023-1033

**Agenda Date:** November 2, 2023

**Department:** Public Works

**Title:** 2023-1033 Hazard Mitigation Grant for Mason Manor Buyout (B)

**Department:** Public Works

**Description:** Request for the City Commission to adopt a resolution to enter into a Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Mason Manor buyout.

**Fiscal Note:** The preliminary budget for the Phase II Grant is \$322,928.68, with a federal share of \$242,196.51 and a local match of \$80,732.17. The local match is available in the Stormwater Management Utility Fund.

**Explanation:** During Hurricane Irma, two houses flooded in the flood zone in Mason Manor Subdivision. Under the Irma Disaster Declaration, Mason Manor received Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds to build a floodwall. The floodwall was determined not to be cost-effective, as the cost of the wall exceeded the value of the houses it would protect.

For that reason, the City submitted a proposal to purchase one of the houses from an owner who was interested in selling. This proposal was accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which provides grant funding for the purchase of homes in flood zones to prevent future disaster losses. Once acquired, the home will be demolished and the lot will be managed as part of the adjacent Loblolly Conservation Area. Under the agreement, the City pays 25% of the cost of purchasing and demolishing the house.

**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:** 1) City Commission adopt the proposed Resolution and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all agreements, and any other

necessary documents, on or behalf of the City, with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Mason Manor buyout, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.