

RESOLUTION NO. 18-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) FUNDING AND/OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) FUNDING FOR SEVERAL CITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,688,956.00 (75%) WITH A LOCAL MATCH NOT TO EXCEED \$9,562,985.00 (25%); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) has announced the availability of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds resulting from the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Irma (FEMA 4337-DR-FL). This funding helps communities implement measures to reduce or eliminate risks from natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - working in concert with Florida Department of Economic Opportunity - have developed an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery for Hurricane Irma has announced \$616 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) will be made available to Florida in support of long-term hurricane recovery efforts, and

WHEREAS, FEMA, the Florida Division of Emergency Management and HUD require local legislative approval for City staff to apply for such funding; and

WHEREAS, this approval doesn't obligate the City to commit to accepting such grants, nor providing the local match unless specifically authorized by subsequent Resolution(s) by this Commission, if eventually offered by FEMA/DEM/HUD, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges the local twenty-five percent (25%) match that accompanies such grant funding, if offered by FEMA/DEM/CDBG and eventually accepted by the City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Manager, upon the advice and consent of the City Attorney, is authorized to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and/or Community Development Block grant (CDBG) funding opportunities in the amount of \$28,688,956.00 (75%), with a local twenty-five percent (25%) match not to exceed \$9,562,985.00, as identified in Attachment A.

Section 2: Return to the City Commission with any resulting FEMA/DEM/CDBG grant offers for acceptance, approval and local match funding.

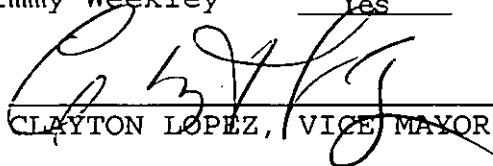
Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 3rd day of July, 2018.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 5th day of July, 2018.

Filed with the Clerk on July 5, 2018.

Mayor Craig Cates	<u>Absent</u>
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Richard Payne	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Margaret Romero	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>

  
CLAYTON LOPEZ, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TO:** Jim Scholl, City Manager

**FROM:** Alison Higgins, Sustainability Coordinator  
Scott Fraser, Floodplain Manager

**DATE:** June 21, 2018

**SUBJECT:** FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Opportunities

### **ACTION STATEMENT:**

The City proposes to submit the attached list of 13 potential Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HGMP) projects to the County to fulfill a step of the grant application process. This Resolution does not bind the City to accept any such grants if ultimately offered, but is a necessary step for the City to make application for these grants.

This Resolution is also designed to meet similar requirements for additional disaster recovery funding being made through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) via Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

### **BACKGROUND**

Declared disasters are allocated recovery monies into multiple FEMA funding programs. These funds are administered by the State through the County governments to local municipalities. One such opportunity is the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

The City has submitted 20 projects that have been ranked by the County's Local Mitigation Strategy group, which makes these projects eligible for the multiple funding programs. HGMP is the fund that is coming available first.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs funds wind mitigation (roofs, windows, doors), power mitigation (generators), enhancements to Emergency Operations Centers and flood mitigation (drainage, wells). The City wishes to advance 13 projects to be considered for HGMP funding. HMGP's pre-application process requires all potential projects be submitted by Resolution through the Countywide Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) managed by the County, in which the City participates.

Current available monies through HGMP will not cover all projects listed, but additional Tier 2 and even Tier 3 funding announcements are anticipated during the next year. Thus, any project beyond the current available funding limits, may later become eligible, if submitted now.

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced \$616 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) will be made available to Florida in support of long-term hurricane recovery efforts. Details of this funding are still being processed by HUD. City staff desire the flexibility to shift funding proposals between FEMA and HUD as determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Thus, this Resolution addresses the pursuit of both disaster funding options separately, with the understanding that ultimately no duplication of benefits nor costs may occur.

Applications are due July 30<sup>th</sup>. If a project is awarded, the City later has the option to accept or decline the grant. The acceptance of any such grant must return to the City Commission for review, funding of the local cost share and approval.

#### **PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION**

The projects listed benefit first responder buildings as well as key public service buildings owned by the City. The grant provides for 75% of the funding for the project, so the City would only have to pay for 25% of a project that would make our crucial facilities more resilient to storms. This will help us better provide for our community in the event of a major storm.

If the City opts not to pass a resolution naming potential projects, no projects will be eligible for HGMP funding associated with Hurricane Irma's disaster recovery efforts.

FEMA's HMGP program is separate from its Public Assistance disaster recovery program that reimburses storm related costs; yet the City must ensure no duplication of benefits occurs between the two.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No immediate financial impact.

If awarded by the federal government, and then accepted by the City, 25% of project costs are the responsibility of the City, as a cost reimbursable grant.

If any of the projects submitted are awarded by FEMA/HUD, the City Manager will return to the City Commission for approval of the grant contract and funding the local 25% match.

The grand total of all potential grant opportunities identified herein total \$28,688,95 for FEMA/HUD's 75%, accompanied by a City 25% share of \$9,562,985.

It's unrealistic to believe all these projects will be awarded to the City, but making application for all these projects increases the likelihood some will be awarded, if not now, potentially later.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager, upon the advice and consent of the City Attorney, to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and HUD Community Development Block Grant funding opportunities in the respective dual amounts of \$28,688,95, with a local 25% match not to exceed \$9,562,985.

# Attachment A

## Potential Projects for HGMP Funding

LMS Rank	Project Title	Preliminary Project Cost	75% FEMA	25% Match
7	EOC Upgrades	\$ 281,400	\$ 211,050	\$ 70,350
9	Tide Valves and Outfall Improvements (Drainage)	\$ 4,658,082	\$ 3,493,562	\$ 1,164,521
10	Force Main Relocation Project (Infrastructure Hardening)	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 3,075,000	\$ 1,025,000
17	Wind-Retrofit(s) of Public Service Facilities	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 2,625,000	\$ 875,000
19	Generators for Critical Facilities	\$ 278,000	\$ 208,500	\$ 69,500
20	Fire Station 3 - FEMA 361 Upgrades	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
22	Wind-Retrofit(s) of First Responder Facilities	\$ 650,000	\$ 487,500	\$ 162,500
29	Dennis Street and Venetia Street Outfall (Drainage)	\$ 1,309,459	\$ 982,094	\$ 327,365
31	Flemming / Grinnell Gravity Injection Well (Drainage)	\$ 450,000	\$ 337,500	\$ 112,500
34	Patricia Ashby Pump Station Well (Drainage)	\$ 150,000	\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500
36	Fogarty Avenue and 3rd St Pump Assist (Drainage)	\$ 6,800,000	\$ 5,100,000	\$ 1,700,000
38	Harris Ave / 10th Expanded Neighborhood (Drainage)	\$ 5,625,000	\$ 4,218,750	\$ 1,406,250
42	White Street & Petronia Street Gravity Injection Well	\$ 450,000	\$ 337,500	\$ 112,500
			<b>\$ 28,688,956</b>	<b>\$ 9,562,985</b>