



Executive Summary

To: Greg Veliz

From: Alison Higgins

Date: July 10, 2020

Re: Support of Grant Application for Monroe County's "Florida Keys Regional Resilience Plan and Neighborhood Livability Outreach and Planning" grant application to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Rebuild Florida General Planning Support Program.

ACTION ITEM

The purpose of this item is to support a Monroe County grant application titled "Florida Keys Regional Resilience Plan and Neighborhood Livability Outreach and Planning." The resolution will be provided to the County to include in its application packet.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has opened the application cycle for its Rebuild Florida General Planning Support Program. The program has allocated \$40M to high-quality mitigation planning projects that carry out strategic and high-impact activities to minimize or eliminate risks and reduce losses from future disasters. Extra points are given to regional efforts and Areas of Critical State Concern.

Based on sea level rise collaboration with the six local municipalities, the County has created a grant proposal that will help all municipalities reach a common data and assessment level with County. Examples include highly refined LiDAR data for our roads, and a Vulnerability Assessment and Planning effort that will show on a parcel-by-parcel basis what roads, properties, and critical facilities are at risk over time, and what the costs of action and inaction might be. These outputs constitute phases 1 and 2 of the grant.

Phase 3 applies to unincorporated Monroe only, but promises to have many similarities to municipal issues. The County will be choosing up to six high-risk and low-income neighborhoods to identify resilience related challenges, functionality and quality of life issues specific to each neighborhood.

No match is required. This is 100% funding, paid via reimbursement. The County will administer the grant and required contracts. Each municipality will pay for its Phase and will be reimbursed by the County when funds are received.

Budget: The grant request is \$2,652,825 and the value to each municipality breaks down thusly:

Total Funding Allocation Request by Jurisdiction	Phase I: LiDAR	Phase II: Vulnerability	Phase III: Neighborhoods	Total
Key West	\$ 280,000	\$ 561,735	\$ 0	\$ 841,735
Marathon	\$ 147,000	\$ 471,132	\$ 0	\$ 618,133
Key Colony Beach	\$ 11,500	\$ 42,281	\$ 0	\$ 53,781
Layton	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,080	\$ 0	\$ 16,080
Islamorada	\$ 130,000	\$ 416,771	\$ 0	\$ 546,771
Unincorporated Monroe	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Project Admin Cost				\$ 126,325
TOTALS	\$ 572,500	\$ 1,504,000	\$ 450,000	\$2,262,825

Timeline: The project will be completed over 36 months, following the general schedule below:

	2020	2021				2022				2023			
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Contract & Procurement													
Phase 1: Lidar													
Phase 2: Vulnerability													
Phase 3: Neighborhoods													

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION

The City's Adaptation Team was refining a local scope of work for the above when Covid-19 hit and funds dried up.

Applying as a regional effort not only increases the overall project score and chances of being awarded the grant, it helps smaller Keys municipalities who we can't afford to leave behind. The County has previous experience with procuring and managing a project like this, and in offering to administer the grant has taken a burden off municipalities.

OPTIONS

1. The City Commission can adopt a resolution in support of the County's grant application, which will further strengthen the application.
2. The City Commission may elect not to adopt a resolution in support of the County's grant at this time.

ADVANTAGES

- The City has a better chance of receiving the funds if it is part of this regional effort.
- The County will administer the grant, taking a large workload off staff.

DISADVANTAGES

- Staff sees no disadvantage to not supporting the grant application.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

The City of Key West would have to pay for the Phases (I: \$280,000 and II: \$561,735) over the course of the 3-year project and be reimbursed by the County after they receive funds from the Grantor. Exact timetables and amounts will be decided as part of an Interlocal Agreement only after the County has been notified that the grant has been awarded.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution in support of Monroe County's grant application "Florida Keys Regional Resilience Plan and Neighborhood Livability Outreach and Planning."