



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TO:** Patti McLauchlin, City Manager  
Todd Stoughton, Assistant City Manager

**CC:** Katie P. Halloran, Planning Director  
Christina Bervaldi, Finance Director

**FROM:** Carolyn Sheldon, Senior Grants Administrator

**DATE:** May 19, 2022

**RE:** Approving the attached "State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Subrecipient Agreement" Number MT011 for the Duval Street Economic Corridor Resiliency and Revitalization Plan in the amount of \$500,000.00 Federal / \$565,310.00 City Match (\$1,065,310.00 total estimated project cost). Authorizing execution of the necessary documents; Authorizing the approval and execution of subsequent amendments to this grant agreement which may adjust the grant funding allocations to the City or modify the project scope; and authorizing necessary budget amendments and transfers to accept the funding.

#### **ACTION STATEMENT:**

This resolution will approve the attached "State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Subrecipient Agreement" Number MT011 for the Duval Street Economic Corridor Resiliency and Revitalization Plan in the amount of \$500,000.00 Federal / \$565,310.00 City Match (\$1,065,310.00 total estimated project cost). Authorization to execute necessary documents, approve and execute subsequent amendments to this grant agreement which may adjust the grant funding allocations to the City or modify the project scope, and necessary budget amendments and transfers to accept the funding will be provided.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In April 2018, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) would receive \$633,485,000 in funding to support long-term mitigation efforts following declared disasters in 2016 and 2017 through HUD's Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program. Awards are distributed on a competitive basis targeting HUD designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas, primarily addressing the Benefits to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) National Objective.

*Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.*

Additional information may be found in the Federal Register, Vol. 84, No. 169. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has apportioned the Federal Award to include the following initiatives: Critical Facility Hardening Program \$75,000,000; General Planning Support Program \$20,000,000; General Infrastructure Program \$475,000,000; and State Planning and Administration \$63,485,000. This award is granted under the General Planning Support Program.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Funding is being provided for the Duval Street Economic Corridor Resiliency and Revitalization Plan for the purpose of preserving and protecting Duval Street as a major tourism destination and economic driver by mitigating risks and threats associated with natural and man-made disasters. In Key West, visitors spend more than \$1 billion annually which supports some 12,000 jobs primarily along this corridor. This project will provide necessary funding to support the City's efforts to address the risks and threats from long-term sea-level rise, king tides and their resultant stormwater threats.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The Duval Street Revitalization project is the #1 major project listed in the Key West Forward Strategic Plan and was identified as one of four most significant projects by the community in the January 2021 survey. Additionally, in the January 2021 survey, Duval Street ranked #6 in the category of *City Services and Amenities That Need improvement* receiving more than 50% of combined ratings of "fair" and "poor" and was identified with the need for cleaner public spaces. Cleanliness is Priority 5 of the Strategic Plan.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

With the approval of Grant Agreement Number MT011, the City will receive up to a maximum reimbursement amount of \$500,000.00 for the Duval Street Economic Corridor Resiliency and Revitalization Plan which is budgeted in revenue account 1010000 3315001 (Infrastructure Surtax / Revenue / FEMA Grant/Reimbursement). Grant eligible costs are budgeted in expense account 1011900 5196300 (Infrastructure Surtax / Non-Departmental / Infrastructure). The project is identified as IS19002102.

Matching funds of \$565,310.00 are required.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the attached "State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Subrecipient Agreement" Number MT011 for the Duval Street Economic Corridor Resiliency and Revitalization Plan.