



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

**CC:** Kelly Crowe, Utilities Director  
Christina Bervaldi, Finance Director

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

**DATE:** July 26, 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 MT051 for construction of the Tide Valves Project in the amount of \$3,099,159 Federal. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents; Authorizing the approval and execution of subsequent amendments to this grant agreement that may adjust the grant funding allocations to the City or modify the project scope, upon consent of the City Attorney; and authorizing necessary budget amendments or 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 MT051 for construction of the Tide Valves Project in the amount of \$3,099,159 Federal. Authorize the Mayor to execute necessary documents, approve and execute subsequent amendments to this grant agreement that may adjust the grant funding allocations to the City or modify the project scope, upon consent of the City Attorney, and authorize necessary budget amendments or transfers to accept the funding.

#### 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 Disaster Recovery(CDBG-MIT) program. Awards were 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. Additional information may be found in the Federal Register, Vol. 84, No. 169.

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

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 has been granted under the General Infrastructure Program.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The City of Key West was awarded \$3,099,159 of CDBG-MIT funds for the construction mitigation efforts to reduce flooding during heavy weather events and king tides. The project consists of the installation of tidal valves at various stormwater outfall points of discharge around the island. These mitigation efforts will better protect residential and business/commercial properties, public buildings, schools, hospitals, houses of worship, and cultural heritage sites from flooding events.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This project supports the Key West Forward Strategic Plan *Priority 2: Adaptation/Sea Level Rise*, Goal 2: Short-Term Critical Projects and Plans - Implement critical projects to mitigate storm and tidal flooding, Action 5 Critical Infrastructure Projects. Goal 4: Partnerships and Linkages to Other Plans – Integrate Sea Level Rise into all relevant long-term plans within the city, and coordinate with other coastal cities in and beyond Florida, Action 2 Integrate SLR into long range plans.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

With the approval of Grant Agreement Number MT051, the City will receive up to a maximum reimbursement amount of \$3,099,159 for construction of the Tide Valves Project. Grant revenue will be budgeted in account 4020000 3313600 (Stormwater Utility / Revenue / Stormwater Grant). Expenses are budgeted in account 4023802 5386500 (Stormwater Utility / Construction / Construction in Progress). Project ST38021901.

Design is funded by FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding approved with Resolution 20-006 (January 7, 2020).

**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 MT051 for construction of the Tide Valves Project.