

## MEMORANDUM

Date: December 6, 2021

To: Max Royle, City Manager

From: William Tredik, P.E., Public Works Director

Subject: DR-4486 Covid-19 Pandemic – HMGP  
Authorization to Submit Grant Application

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has notified the City that the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for the COVID-19 Pandemic (DR-4486) has been published to the Florida Administrative Register and is available Florida's HMGP we page at:

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/>

St. Johns County is a Tier 1 county with an allocation of approximately \$1.4 million federal (\$467,992 local match). HMGP Applications are due December 21st.

Types of projects eligible for funding include:

- Acquisition or relocation of hazard-prone structures;
- Retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities that will result in increased protection from hazards
- Elevation of flood-prone structures
- Infrastructure protection measures
- Stormwater management improvements
- Minor structure flood control
- Flood diversion and storage
- Aquifer storage and recovery
- Floodplain and stream restoration
- Residential and community safe room construction; and/or
- Generators for a critical facility, provided they are cost-effective, contribute to a long-term solution to the problem that they are intended to address, and meet other project eligibility criteria as required by 44 CFR §206.434(c); or generators that are an integral part of a larger eligible project.

## **DISCUSSION**

As the HMGP grant utilizes federal dollars, the funds cannot be used to match dollars from other federal programs. Additionally, the city would need to budget 25% of the project cost as matching funds. Due to the need to budget matching funds, City Commission approval is required to submit a grant application

Staff has identified the following three (3) potential projects which appear to meet the eligibility requirements:

### **Installation of impact windows and doors for City Hall, Police Station and Building C**

Category: Retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities that will result in increased protection from hazards

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$200,000

City Match Required: \$50,000

### **Public Works Department Generator Replacement**

Category: Generators for a critical facility, provided they are cost-effective, contribute to a long-term solution to the problem that they are intended to address, and meet other project eligibility criteria as required by 44 CFR §206.434(c); or generators that are an integral part of a larger eligible project

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$70,000

City Match Required: \$17,500

### **7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage improvements**

Category: Stormwater management improvements

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$100,000

City Match Required: \$25,000

## **ACTION REQUESTED**

Authorize staff to apply for DR-4486 Covid-19 Pandemic HMGP funding for the discussed projects.