

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - 131

A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DELEGATING SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF NINE SPAN WIRE SUPPORTED TRAFFIC SIGNALS WITH MAST ARM TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

WHEREAS, as a result of the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the COVID-19 Pandemic (FEMA-4486-DR-FL), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) approximately \$185,000,000 in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds (the “HMG Grant”);

WHEREAS, FDEM has allocated approximately \$136,000,000 in HMG Grant funds to Florida counties;

WHEREAS, Pinellas County’s (the “County”) share of HMG Grant funds is \$6,388,980.04;

WHEREAS, to receive HMG Grant funds, the County must submit a grant application to FDEM, subject to approval by FEMA;

WHEREAS, the County Public Works Department (the “Department”) has identified nine span wire supported traffic signals on evacuation routes that require hardening to reduce the risk posed by future natural hazards;

WHEREAS, the Department proposes replacing these nine traffic signals with mast arm traffic signals made of galvanized steel (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the total estimated Project cost is \$5,850,000.00 – or approximately \$650,000.00 per traffic signal;

WHEREAS, the Department proposes using HMG Grant funds to cover part of the Project cost – specifically \$4,387,500.00 (75%), with an anticipated County match of \$1,462,500.00 (25%);

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021, the Project was endorsed by the County’s Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group, a prerequisite of application submission for HMG Grant funds;

WHEREAS, the Department needs extra time to finalize an HMG Grant application for the Project (the “Application”), a template of which is included with this Resolution for County Commission Agenda Item #21-2369A;

WHEREAS, the Application must be submitted to FDEM by December 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, consequently, the County Administrator requests authority to execute the Application no later than December 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to delegate such authority to the County Administrator;

WHEREAS, the Application contains unique verbiage requiring a Board resolution in order to delegate authority to a County employee (an “authorized agent”) to execute the Application; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution satisfies that Application requirement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, duly assembled on this 7th day of December 2021, that:

1. The recitals above, including all defined terms, are incorporated herein.
2. The County Administrator is hereby delegated authority to execute the Application. The County Administrator must submit an executed Application to FDEM no later than December 21, 2021.
3. This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

Commissioner Seel offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Gerard , and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Eggers, Justice, Flowers, Gerard, Long, Peters, and Seel.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Brendan Mackesey
Office of the County Attorney