

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-37
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT Z0141 AMENDMENTS
WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DISASTER-
RELATED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE IRMA**

WHEREAS, in September 2017, Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida, and as a result, Pinellas County exhausted resources and suffered significant damage from high winds and heavy rainfall;

WHEREAS, following Irma's impact, the County submitted a Request for Public Assistance to the State of Florida and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement of disaster-related costs;

WHEREAS, through Grant Funding Agreement Z0141 with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, the County is able to receive reimbursement for disaster-related costs associated with Hurricane Irma;

WHEREAS, during Hurricane Irma, special considerations were made and some Categories of Work time periods received up to 100% cost share percentages;

WHEREAS, the final dollar amount will be determined upon review, approval, and final reconciliation of eligible storm costs by FEMA, but as new projects are obligated, an amendment to the existing grant agreement must take place in order to request reimbursement of newly obligated funds;

WHEREAS, four previous Board of County Commissioner actions have occurred and a fifth is being brought to the Board contemporaneously with this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in order to save time in getting future amendments to recover expended funds approved, it is in the best interest of the County to vary the delegated authority to the County Administrator generally found in Pinellas County Code 2-62.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in a public meeting duly assembled this 18th day of June 2019, that the County Administrator is authorized to execute future amendments to Grant Funding Agreement Z0141 with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management regardless of the financial limitations found in Pinellas County Code section 2-62. The remaining provisions of Pinellas County Code section 2-62, including but not limited to the reporting requirements of 2-62(d), shall continue in full force and effect.

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

AYES: Seel, Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Peters.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: _____

Office of the County Attorney