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SUBJECT: Application for Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilient Florida Grant Program for Joe's Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail project

DATE: August 17, 2023

The Public Works Department is submitting a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilient Florida Grant Program. If selected, this grant will provide funding for the design and construction of the Joe's Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area and Town of Kenneth City. The project will provide analysis, evaluation and recommendation for green and grey infrastructure improvements that will mitigate flooding, improve water quality, and increase resilience. Design and construction for the Joe's Creek Greenway Trail, a multi-modal transportation corridor, will also be provided. The Trail will improve transportation connectivity as well as offer recreational and aesthetic amenities to the community.

Public Works is seeking grant funding in the amount of $28,071,500.00 which will be made available for FY24-27. There is a 50 percent match requirement ($28,071,500.00), and the grant is on a reimbursement basis. The match requirement has been secured through SWFWMD CFI funding ($320,000) and CDBG-MIT funding ($17,120,000) with the remaining fund allocated in the Penny for Pinellas and is included in the proposed FY24-29 Capital Improvement Plan. The requested grant funds would reduce the need for Penny for Pinellas funds to approximately $10,631,500.

The Capital Improvements Division of Public Works is recommending approval of the grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilient Florida Grant Program for the Joe's Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail project. The grant application deadline is Friday, September 1st, 2023.

Kelli Hammer Levy

Approved