



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Amendment No. 2 to the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Subrecipient Agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Recommended Action:

Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program Subrecipient Agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

- Agreement provides CDBG-MIT funding in the amount of \$992,000.00 to be used for a Countywide Flood Mitigation Action Plan.
- Amendment No. 1, revising procedures for citizen complaints and appeals, was approved in September 2022.
- Amendment No. 2 changes reimbursement methods within Attachment A for Deliverables 2 and 3 from “upon completion of the tasks” to “upon completion of a minimum of one task.”
- Amendment No. 2 does not change the term or amount of the agreement.

DEO Agreement No. MT028; Amendment does not change the Agreement amount or term; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention and protective services to create and enhance a safe, secure, and healthy community

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources

3.5 Foster a sustainable and resilient community that is prepared for sea level rise and a changing climate

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public’s resources

Summary:

Amendment No. 2 amends the CDBG-MIT Subrecipient Agreement by deleting in its entirety Attachment A - Project Description and Deliverables and replacing it with the Revised Attachment A, which changes reimbursement methods for Deliverables 2 and 3 under the listed Minimum Level of Services from “upon completion of the tasks” to “upon completion of a minimum of one task.” The Amendment does not change the amount or term of the Agreement.

The purpose of the Florida DEO CDBG-MT grant award of \$992,000 is to provide funding for the County to reduce risk from future hazards through a Countywide Flood Mitigation Action Plan. The project will provide substantial benefits to the community by addressing current-day flooding situations and future conditions, including extreme weather events and impacts from sea-level rise. This effort will result in a robust dataset that will be used to educate the public and identify flood-resilient strategies to benefit the county and its municipalities. Outcomes from the project include flood hazard data acquisition, community asset inventory collection, flood hazard modeling and map development, asset exposure analysis, adaptation strategy development, public engagement, and mitigation prioritization and actions for community planning and procedures.

Background Information:

In response to presidentially declared disasters in 2016 and 2017 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that \$633 million in first-of-its-kind funding would be available to the state of Florida for disaster mitigation projects. These funds are available through HUD's newly created CDBG-MIT and will be used to fund disaster mitigation programs to better protect Florida from future disasters.

Administered by the State of Florida's DEO, a federally required State Action Plan was developed in partnership with state agencies, as well as with input from local communities and stakeholders to determine Florida's critical disaster mitigation needs.

On May 15, 2020, the DEO launched the Rebuild Florida General Planning Support (GPS) Program, making a total of \$20,000,000 available for eligible applicants, including units of general local government (UGLG). The GPS program is designed to provide funding opportunities for local governments to engage in proactive mitigation planning and to create regional plans that will enable the state of Florida to withstand future disasters. Pinellas County entered into a grant agreement with DEO in November 2021 for \$992,000 to create a Countywide Flood Mitigation Action Plan that provides substantial benefit to the County by addressing current-day flooding situations and future conditions, including extreme weather events and impacts from sea-level rise. This effort will result in a robust dataset that will be used to educate the public and identify flood-resilient strategies to benefit the County and its municipalities.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A - No negative budgetary impacts anticipated.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

Partners:

Cities of Belleair Beach, Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Largo, Madeira Beach, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Seminole, St Pete Beach, St Petersburg, Tarpon Springs, and Treasure Island; Towns of Belleair, Indian Shores, Redington Beach, and Redington Shores

Attachments:

Amendment No. 2
Amendment No. 1

Agreement