



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Board Budget Amendment No. 4 supplementing the Fiscal Year 2017 Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund Budget for unanticipated expenditures due to Hurricane Irma.

Recommended Action:

Approval by the County Administrator of Board Budget Amendment No. 4 appropriating funds from reserves within the Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund (Sewer Fund) for unanticipated expenditures due to Hurricane Irma. Approval is in accordance with Resolutions 17-58 and 17-59, delegating authority to the County Administrator to appropriate funds from reserves as necessary to support emergency and response in a timely manner.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

This budget amendment realigns funds from the Reserves program to the Emergency Events program within the Sewer Fund to pay for unanticipated expenditures related to Hurricane Irma.

Background Information:

On September 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma passed through Pinellas County. The County suffered significant damage from high winds, particularly in the form of widespread power outages. Resolution 17-58, adopted September 7, 2017, declared a state of local emergency and delegated authority to the County Administrator to appropriate funds from reserves as necessary to support emergency and response in a timely manner. Resolution 17-59, adopted September 14, 2017, extended the state of local emergency through September 21. In accordance with the delegated authority granted in the resolution, the County Administrator approved this amendment on September 15, 2017. The Emergency Events program is used to consolidate expenditures incurred during an event to allow for accurate tracking of those expenses in support of reimbursement of eligible expenditures from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant Program.

Fiscal Impact:

This amendment will realign \$1,712,510 from the Reserves program to the Emergency Events program within the Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund to offset unanticipated expenditures incurred for labor and contract services in response to the hurricane. A federal major disaster declaration has been established to apply for the public assistance grant funding, but the amounts and timing for reimbursement are not yet known.

Staff Member Responsible:

Randi Kim, Director, Utilities Department
Bill Berger, Director, Office of Management & Budget

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Board Budget Amendment for Hurricane Irma
Resolutions 17-58 and 17-59