



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Subrecipient grant agreement with the Gulf Consortium for funding of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act Spill Impact Component and the State of Florida State Expenditure Plan for wastewater collection system improvements.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the subrecipient grant agreement with the Gulf Consortium for funding of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act Spill Impact Component and the State of Florida State Expenditure Plan (SEP Project 16-2) for wastewater collection system improvements.

- Pinellas County is a subrecipient of federal grant funds made available to the Gulf Consortium from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.
- SEP Project 16-2 consists of final engineering and design for new wastewater collection systems for fifteen manufactured home communities in unincorporated Lealman and Lake Seminole areas of the County.
- Total amount of federal funds subject to award is \$2,085,262.00 with no matching funds requirement, which includes Gulf Consortium fees of \$31,775.00 as pass through costs.

Florida Gulf Consortium funds to be awarded is \$2,085,262.00, commencing upon execution and expiring December 31, 2022; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

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

3.4 Reduce/reuse/recycle resources including energy, water, and solid waste

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

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

4.4. Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

SEP Project 16-2 conducts final engineering and design activities to assess existing conditions within fifteen (15) manufactured home community wastewater collection systems in unincorporated

Lealman and Lake Seminole areas, evaluating the rain-derived inflow and infiltration (I & I). Design and eventual construction solutions derived from the funds are likely to be cost-effective in reducing future rain derived I & I, which has previously led to sanitary sewer overflows and will lessen pollutant impacts on local waterbodies.

**Background Information:**

The RESTORE Council, the delegated Federal determinant of eligibility and priority listing for RESTORE Funds for the spill component funds to be awarded, was established in July 2012 and provides Federal funds for the restoration and protection of the Gulf Coast Region. A portion of the funds were made available to the five Gulf Coast states, including Florida. Projects funded through this allocation must meet criteria set out in the Florida Gulf Consortium's adopted State Expenditure Plan (SEP). The SEP was adopted in 2017 by the Gulf Consortium Board of Directors and Pinellas County and fully executed through approval by the RESTORE Council on October 1, 2018.

The Utilities Department conducted an initial I & I study to identify the fifteen (15) eligible manufactured home communities for this project (PID 004237A). SEP Project 16-2 is intended to become a program model for the County Utilities Department to base similar I & I mitigation efforts in the future.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Subrecipient Agreement with the Gulf Consortium in the amount of \$2,085,262.00 with no County match requirements. \$31,775.00 of those funds are a pass through of the Gulf Consortium fees.

This grant agreement was not consistent with FY22 Proposed Budget. It is included as a change for the FY22 Tentative Budget. The grant includes design costs only. Staff time to manage this project will be paid using Sewer funds. Costs and potential funding sources for the construction portion of the project will need to be programmed into the Sewer multi-year Capital Improvement Plan.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Megan Ross, Director, Utilities

**Partners:**

Kelli H. Levy, Director, Public Works  
Gulf Consortium  
Restore Council

**Attachments:**

Subrecipient Agreement  
Attachments including A, B, C, D1-D3