

Recommendation re: Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Subrecipient Agreement Between the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and City of Lakeland for the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Project

The City of Lakeland has been awarded Forty-Two Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$42,986,390) in Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding for the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Project from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The fully reimbursable grant is in support of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s program to fund eligible projects that demonstrably increase community resilience through infrastructure projects such as rehabilitation of stormwater management systems, improvement to drainage facilities, and restoration of critical infrastructure.

The project funded through this grant will consist of wetland restoration, development of flood mitigation facilities, and infrastructure retrofit to reduce flood risk for the May Manor Mobile Home Park and surrounding areas. The project will consist of three (3) phases: Phase I: Feasibility Study; Phase 2: Design and Engineering; and, Phase 3: Construction.

During the initial feasibility study phase, the City’s consultant will evaluate mitigation project activities for eligibility with program requirements; coordinate with permitting agencies; establish the environmental review processes; coordinate with the public at large and private property owners for potential acquisition and develop a project implementation plan. Based on the feasibility study recommendations, the City will submit a revised scope of work, project schedule, and detailed project budget for DEO’s review and close-out of the feasibility study prior to commencing Phase 2 and Phase 3.

The parties anticipate the total cost of the project will be \$42,986,390. DEO agrees to reimburse the City for 100% of all allowable costs upon completion of scheduled project deliverable milestones at no less than 5% of the total deliverable cost.

The initial funding for Deliverables No. 1 and No. 2 will be provided by an internal loan to be disbursed as needed. First-year projects costs are estimated to be \$2,226,371 (Phase 1 plus 1/6th of the Project Implementation costs) with the remainder of the Project Implementation to be completed over the next five years. Annual interest of approximately \$157,000 will be paid from the unappropriated surplus of the Stormwater Utility Fund and the principal of which will be repaid with grant funds as they are reimbursed upon completion of deliverables.

PROJECT BUDGET:

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Deliverable No. 1 – Project Implementation	\$5,432,226.00
Deliverable No. 2 – Phase 1 Feasibility Study	\$1,321,000.00
Deliverable No. 3 – Phase 2 Design and Engineering	\$2,560,000.00
Deliverable No. 4 – Phase 3 Construction	\$33,673,164.00
TOTAL	\$42,986,390.00

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the CDBG-MIT Funding Agreement between the DEO and the City of Lakeland for the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Project.