



Office of the Town Manager

Rafael G. Casals
Town Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council

From: Rafael G. Casals, Town Manager

Date: May 16, 2018

Re: Acceptance of Subaward and Grant Agreement #Z0042
FEMA Reimbursements for Hurricane Irma Expenses

REQUEST

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FEDERALLY-FUNDED SUBAWARD AND GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF HURRICANE IRMA EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) sustained wide-spread damages as a result of Hurricane Irma which made landfall on September 10, 2017. In preparation for the Hurricane, US President Donald Trump signed an Emergency Declaration for 67 Counties in Florida, including Miami-Dade County effective on Monday, September 4, 2017. Subsequently, a State of Emergency for the Town was declared on September 6, 2017 in accordance to Chapter 12, Article II, Section 12-23 of the Town of Cutler Bay’s (the “Town”) Code of Ordinances.

The US Emergency Declaration authorized Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas.

Immediately following the Storm, Town Staff canvassed the community to assess the damage and begin cleaning up our roadways and public facilities. Our Police Department worked around the clock during and following the storm to keep us safe. Initial estimates for storm preparation and recovery are \$1,877,127.

The Town is seeking reimbursements from FEMA for eligible costs associated with debris removal, emergency protective measures, first responders, repairs to public





facilities, and other eligible expenses that are not covered by the Town's Florida League of Cities insurance policy. Reimbursement of funds are passed through to the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management (DEM) with headquarters in Tallahassee, Florida. Upon review of the Town's reimbursement requests, the DEM awards a sub-grant to the Town. This sub-grant will be amended as each new project is closed out and additional funds are awarded.

In April 2018, the Town received the first reimbursement in the amount of \$23,516.80 for minor clean-up and/or repairs to Lakes by the Bay Park, Cutler Ridge Pool, and Franjo Park (*Attachment "A"*). Town Staff requests the authorization to accept the Subaward and Grant Agreement #Z0042 for FEMA reimbursements for Hurricane Irma expenses and all subsequent amendments up to \$1,877,127.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the attached Resolution be adopted, approving the subaward and grant agreement and authorizing the Town Manager to execute the agreement for the reimbursement of Hurricane Irma expenses.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment "A" – FEMA Project Report

