



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – June 15, 2020

Additional Items

**FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM #**

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief Program Application

DATE OF MEETING: June 15, 2020

OVERVIEW/SUMMARY: Staff is seeking approval to apply for, and if awarded, enter into an Agreement with the State of Florida, through its Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Rebuild Florida program, to accept funds from the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides a variety of grants to assist local communities in recovering from presidentially declared disasters, subject to Congressional appropriation. If appropriated, the CDBG-MIT program provides grants that may include, but are not limited to Critical Facility Hardening, General Planning Support, and General Infrastructure programs.

There is over \$570 Million in CDBG-MIT grant funds available for communities, impacted by Hurricanes in 2016 and 2017.

If Flagler County is awarded CDBG-MIT funds, the Emergency Management Office, in partnership with the Finance Department, and other involved Departments, will manage and implement the awarded projects.

FUNDING INFORMATION: If awarded the anticipated revenue and expenditures will be appropriated in designated accounts. Matching funds are not required.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Emergency Management Director, Jonathan Lord (386) 313-4240

RECOMMENDATIONS: Request the Board approve the attached Resolution authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to apply for, receive, and expend CDBG-MIT funds, to include the execution of any related documents and agreements for funds made available through the Rebuild Florida program; as well as any future funds made available through the State of Florida pursuant to the CDBG-DR Program that do not require a local match.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development offers grants through the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation program (CDBG-MIT), to assist communities in recovering from Presidentially declared disasters; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s Department of Economic Opportunity is managing these funds within the State of Florida, through their Rebuild Florida program; and

WHEREAS, Flagler County must submit a competitive applications in order to receive CDBG-MIT funds; and

WHEREAS, if Flagler County is awarded CDBG-MIT funds it is required to execute various documents and agreements, in order to receive those funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Flagler County, Florida that:

1. The County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to apply for and execute any documents, such as agreements, related to current and future funds made available pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant – MIT program, that do not require matching County funds.

3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 15th day of June 2020, by the Board of County Commissioners of Flagler County, Florida.

FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Tom Bexley, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

David C. Sullivan, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Al Hadeed, County Attorney

FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM #

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds.

DATE OF MEETING: June 15, 2020

OVERVIEW/SUMMARY: Staff is seeking approval to enter into an Agreement with the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management to accept funds, initially in the amount of \$5,020,187 and ultimately in the amount of up to \$20,080,748; provided to us through the State of Florida pursuant to the CARES Act.

On March 27, 2020 President Trump signed into law the CARES Act passed by Congress. A portion of the funds authorized by this act were provided to state governments for distribution to local government for eligible programs. On June 10, 2020 Governor DeSantis announced that disbursement of CARES Act Funds would begin, and that counties would receive an initial 25% disbursement or their allocation, and then can submit, on a reimbursement basis, for the remaining 75% of their allocation. Counties are also responsible for providing funding to their respective Constitutional Officers as well as the Municipalities for eligible expenses.

The CARES Act provides that payments from the Fund may only be used to cover costs that:

- Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March, 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
- Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

The CARES Act prohibits expenditures on items such as:

- Expenses for the State share of Medicaid;
- Damages covered by insurance;
- Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program;
- Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services;
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime;
- Severance pay; and
- Legal settlements;

Staff shall allocate the funds in three main fashions:

- Government Expenses
 - COVID-19 related PPE, staffing, equipment
 - COVID-19 Testing related expenses
 - Other COVID-19 related services and equipment
- Individual Assistance
 - Emergency mortgage, rental, and utility assistance
 - Childcare assistance
- Small Business Assistance
 - Support for businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19
 - Support for the reconfiguration facilities to promote social distancing and hygiene.

Staff are working with our Municipalities for input, to include their support of a unified approach on how best to administer the funding.

FUNDING INFORMATION: Funding in the amount of \$5,020,187 will be appropriated with the attached Unanticipated Revenue Resolution, that would take effect upon execution of a Funding Agreement. Additional amounts will be allocated through future Unanticipated Revenue Resolutions.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: E. John Brower, Financial Services Director (386) 313-4036
Jonathan Lord, Emergency Mngmnt Director (386) 313-4240

RECOMMENDATION: Request the Board approve the attached Resolution authorizing the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute related Funding Agreements with the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management as approved to form by the County Attorney; including any modifications, and related documents, to include future agreements; that do not require a local funding match. Additionally, Board approval is requested for the related Unanticipated Revenue Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Unanticipated Revenue Resolution
3. CARES ACT Funding Distribution Chart from the FL Division of Emergency Management

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A CARES ACT SUBAWARD GRANT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on or about March 27, 2020, President Donald J. Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") into law; and

WHEREAS, Title V of the CARES Act provides for a Coronavirus Relief Fund, and appropriated \$150,000,000,000 for States, Tribal governments, and units of local government, subject to some limitations; and

WHEREAS, Flagler County is estimated to be eligible to receive approximately \$20,080,748 from this fund; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides as guidance only that the local government shall use the funds to cover only those costs of the unit of local government that: are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the County to ensure that it is eligible to receive these significant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Flagler County, Florida:

1. The County Administrator, or his designee is authorized to execute related Funding Agreements, that the County Attorney has approved as to form, any subsequent modifications, related documents, and future CARES Act Agreements.
2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 15th day of June 2020, by the Board of County Commissioners of Flagler County, Florida.

FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Tom Bexley, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

David C. Sullivan, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Al Hadeed, County Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLAGLER COUNTY TO AMEND THE CARES ACT RELIEF FUND 185 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE UNANTICIPATED REVENUE.

WHEREAS, the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners has received \$5,020,187 from the Florida Department of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 129, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to amend, by resolution, its budget to provide for the receipt and expenditure of unanticipated funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners, in meeting assembled on the 15th day of June 2020, that the Cares Act Relief Fund 185 be amended, as follows:

CARES ACT RELIEF FUND 185

FUNDING SOURCES:

185-0000-331.20-28	Federal Grant- FL CARES ACT	\$5,020,187
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EXPENDITURES:

185-8643-525.81-42	Grants/ Aid/ FL CARES ACT	\$5,020,187
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BY: _____
David C. Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

Tom Bexley, Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Comptroller

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Al Hadeed, County Attorney

CARES Allocation By County	
Alachua County	11,736,482
Baker County	1,230,214
Bay County	7,621,169
Bradford County	1,175,075
Calhoun County	621,454
Charlotte County	8,240,835
Citrus County	6,528,498
Clay County	9,564,446
Collier County	16,790,607
Columbia County	3,127,164
DeSoto County	1,657,720
Dixie County	734,002
Escambia County	14,321,324
Flagler County	5,020,187
Franklin County	528,930
Gadsden County	1,991,829
Gilchrist County	806,721
Glades County	615,303
Gulf County	629,394
Hamilton County	602,478
Hardee County	1,274,230
Hendry County	1,833,129
Hernando County	8,459,386
Highlands County	4,633,686
Holmes County	855,754
Indian River County	6,976,333
Jackson County	1,839,498
Jefferson County	664,685
Lafayette County	367,394
Lake County	16,014,815
Leon County	12,806,949
Levy County	1,937,606
Liberty County	364,427
Madison County	810,604
Manatee County	17,591,135
Marion County	15,947,679
Martin County	7,023,315
Monroe County	3,250,835
Nassau County	3,866,095
Okaloosa County	9,193,039
Okeechobee County	1,810,488
Osceola County	16,391,412
Putnam County	3,238,053

Santa Rosa County	8,040,299
Sarasota County	18,921,158
Seminole County	20,582,500
St. Johns County	11,545,806
St. Lucie County	13,885,922
Sumter County	5,776,567
Suwannee County	2,024,721
Taylor County	940,906
Union County	594,975
Wakulla County	1,471,799
Walton County	3,231,205
Washington County	1,111,211