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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Hurricane Irma Disaster Declaration FEMA 4337-DR-FL(B)

This item is a request for City Commission approval to execute and implement Hazard Mitigation Grants.

FEMA has estimated that \$2,044,645 will be allocated to Alachua County for Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP) grants under Hurricane Irma Disaster Declaration, FEMA-4337-DR-FL. The City of Gainesville identified six potential projects and submitted them to the Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) working group for review and ranking. Three of the six projects were given funding priority by the LMS. Gainesville's priority projects include the Florida Park Berm, the Mason Manor Flood Wall and the Clear Lake Buyout.

The Florida Park Berm Project will replace an earthen levee that failed during Hurricane Irma. Floodwater from Hogtown Creek damaged five homes in the Florida Park neighborhood. The Mason Manor Flood Wall project will extend an existing floodwall to protect the Mason Manor subdivision from flooding. During Hurricane Irma, floodwater from Possum Creek flanked the existing floodwall resulting in damaged to two homes. The Florida Park Berm and the Mason Manor Flood Wall projects are phased grant projects. The Phase I grants will provide funding to assist with project design. The Phase II grants will provide funding assistance with construction. Once the Phase I grants are complete, the Phase II grants will be written.

A home located near Clear Lake suffered substantial damage from the flooding of Hogtown Creek during Hurricane Irma. The City will use the funding assistance to purchase and demolish the home. The City currently owns and manages the adjacent Sugar Foot Prairie Conservation Area. The home site, once cleared will become part of the Sugar Foot Prairie Conservation Area.

The Phase I Florida Park Berm allows \$75,000 for design with a Federal share of \$56,250 and local match of \$18,750. The Phase I Mason Manor Flood Wall grant agreement allows \$45,000 for design with a federal share of \$33,750 and a local match of \$11,250. The Clear Lake Buyout based on the award notification, allows \$101,943 with a Federal share is \$76,457.25 and the local match of \$25,485.75. The source of the City cost share will be allocated from the Stormwater Operating and Capital budgets.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the Mayor to execute a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreements and related documents, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) required matching funds will be allocated from the Stormwater Operating and Capital budgets.