

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: September 11, 2007 Consent Regular
 Public Hearing

Department: Housing and Community Development
Submitted By: Housing and Community Development

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) adopt a Resolution: a) authorizing the County Administrator to execute a project proposal for funding to the State under the 2005 CDBG Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI 3) Supplemental Appropriation addressing Hurricane Wilma: a grant agreement with DCA and any necessary amendments, certifications and all other documents related to the project proposal and the implementation of DRI projects; b) authorizing Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Community Development to be the lead agency in the preparation and submission of the project proposal to the State; c) authorizing the County Administrator to sign interlocal agreements when needed, and grant agreements and amendments thereto, with organizations selected to receive funding; and

B) approve a Budget Amendment of \$17,258,279 in the DRI 3 - Wilma Fund contingent upon the actual grant award.

SUMMARY: In early 2007, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced the availability of \$100,066,518 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funding that was made available to the State by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These DRI funds are to be distributed to counties and municipalities throughout the State to assist in recovery from Hurricane Wilma, which struck on October 25, 2005. Palm Beach County is eligible to receive up to \$17,258,279 of this funding. While all municipalities, non-profits, and County departments are eligible to participate in the DRI, DCA will only accept one (1) project proposal from the Palm Beach County geographic area. The County has been designated by the State as the lead agency. Eligible activities include residential repair/rehabilitation and hardening, infrastructure repair and improvements, and program administration. In correspondence dated August 9, 2007, Palm Beach County HCD notified all County departments and municipalities of the availability of the DRI funds. In a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published on August 12, 2007, the general public and non-profits were informed of the availability of DRI funding. Given the short notification period for submission of the project proposal, staff believes that execution of documents by the County Administrator would expedite appreciably the project submittal process and enhance the chances of meeting the September 30, 2007 submission deadline. **These are Federal CDBG funds that require no local match.** Countywide (TKF)

Background and Justification: The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery of 2006, approved on June 15, 2006, appropriated \$5.2 billion in CDBG funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure directly related to the effects of Presidential declared disasters **(Cont. on Page 3)**

Attachments

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Budget Amendment

Recommended by: Sharon G. Bogue 8/30/07
Department Director Date

Approved By: Sharon G. Bogue 8/30/07
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:


Fiscal Years	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	\$17,258,279	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	<\$17,258,279>	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	-0-	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	-0-	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Proposed Budget? Yes _____ No XX
 Budget Account No.: Fund 1108 Dept 143 Unit 1422 Object various
 Program Code/Program Period various / GY07

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Approval of this agenda item will appropriate funding in the amount of \$17,258,279 to Palm Beach County to operate the DRI 3 – Wilma Program.

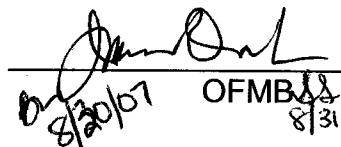
C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

 8-23-07
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III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Contract Comments:

Funding is provided through the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

 9-5-07
 OFMB 8/31/07 CM 9/23/07

 9/5/07
 Contract Dev. and Control 9/6/07

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 9/6/07
 Senior Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

Background and Policy Issues (Continued): Approximately \$100 million of the total funding has been awarded to Florida to assist in recovery from Hurricane Wilma. DCA has established the maximum possible funding level for Palm Beach County's as \$17,258,279.

In order to submit a project proposal with municipalities from within the County, Palm Beach County is required by the State to have an established relationship with municipalities that submit eligible projects. Currently, the County has interlocal Agreements with twenty-eight municipalities who participate within the County's Urban County Program (the CDBG entitlement jurisdiction). Municipalities which do not have interlocal Agreements with the County at this time must execute an acknowledgment letter agreeing to the tasks to be performed in the municipalities (if they submit eligible projects and are funded). However, interlocal agreements may still be requested.

The State has identified unmet needs relating to home repair and mitigation and infrastructure repair. Further description as follows:

- *Home repair and mitigation* (at least 75% of total funding) includes single-family and multi-family housing repair, rehabilitation, and hardening to protect against future storms, as well as replacement of single-family homes.
- *Infrastructure repair* (up to 25% of total funding) includes repairs and improvements to infrastructure damaged as a result of Hurricane Wilma.
- *Program administration* (up to 3% of total funding)

Activities that are reimbursable by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or assisted through the Small Business Administration (SBA), cannot be undertaken with these funds. To be eligible for funding, activities must conform to all requirements of the CDBG Program, unless a waiver from such provisions has been granted.

All activities funded must meet the "low-to-moderate income" CDBG program national objective, and must be directly related to Hurricane Wilma. Furthermore, all housing repair/rehabilitation must bring the structure into full compliance with local building codes and must incorporate hardening measures.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2007-

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING TO THE STATE UNDER THE 2005 CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ADDRESSING HURRICANE WILMA (DRI 3), A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH DCA AND ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROJECT PROPOSAL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DRI PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO BE THE LEAD AGENCY IN THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL TO THE STATE; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WHEN NEEDED, AND GRANT AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, WITH ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED TO RECEIVE FUNDING; AND APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN FUND 1108 OF \$17,258,279 IN THE DRI 3 - WILMA FUND, CONTINGENT UPON THE ACTUAL GRANT AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners wishes to utilize all available resources to facilitate full recovery from Hurricane Wilma; and

WHEREAS, the need for additional resources still exists to effect full recovery and mitigation after utilizing funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Small Business Association (SBA) and other sources; and

WHEREAS, On June 15, 2006, The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on terror, and Hurricane Recovery of 2006, which appropriated \$5.2 billion in Community Development Block Grant funds for disaster relief, long term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure directly related to the effects of the disaster that occurred on October 25, 2005 and was covered by Presidential disaster declarations; and

WHEREAS, \$100,066,518 of the \$5,200,000,000 appropriated was earmarked for distribution in Florida through the Florida Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Community Affairs has determined that Palm Beach County is one of twenty counties eligible to apply and receive funding under this grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Community Affairs has established the maximum possible funding level for Palm Beach County's geographical area to be \$17,258,279; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Community Affairs requires that one project proposal be submitted by a unit of general local government; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has notified all county departments, municipalities within its borders, and eligible 2005 Disaster Recovery Initiative applicants of the 2005 Disaster Recovery Initiative Supplemental Appropriation addressing Hurricane Wilma; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County was designated by the State as the lead agency to submit the project proposal; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting the application for funding is September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. The County Administrator is authorized to execute a project proposal for funding to the State under the 2005 CDBG Disaster Recovery Initiative – Supplemental Appropriation addressing Hurricane Wilma (DRI 3), a grant agreement with DCA and any necessary amendments, certifications and all other documents related to the project proposal and the implementation of DRI projects.

2. Palm Beach County through its Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to be the lead agency in the preparation and submission of the project proposal to the State.
3. The County Administrator is authorized to sign interlocal agreements when needed, and grant agreements and amendments thereto, with organizations selected to receive funding.
4. A budget amendment in fund 1108 of \$17,258,279 is approved and is contingent upon the actual grant award.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

ADDIE L. GREENE, CHAIRPERSON	-
JEFF KOONS, VICE CHAIRPERSON	-
KAREN T. MARCUS	-
MARY MCCARTY	-
BURT AARONSON	-
_____	-
JESS R. SANTAMARIA	-

The Chairperson thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of **September 2007**.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY
ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

**ATTEST:
SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk and
Comptroller**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SELF SUFFICIENCY**

By: 

Tammy K. Fields, Senior Asst. County Attorney

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
Budget Amendment

FUND 1108 - Disaster Recovery Initiative #3 Wilma

Use this form to provide budget for items not anticipated in the budget.

ACCT. NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED AS OF	REMAINING BUDGET
Revenue								
1108-143-1422-3499	State DCA-Disaster Reimbursement	0	0	17,258,279		17,258,279		17,258,279
	Total Receipts and Balances	0	0	17,258,279		17,258,279		
Expenditures								
1108-143-1422 -8101 ^{GPA}	Contribution-Other Gov'mt Agency	0	0	17,258,279				17,258,279
	Total Appropriation and Expenditures	0	0	17,258,279				17,258,279

Housing and Community Development
INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
Administration/Budget Department Approval
OFMB Department - Posted

Signatures _____ Date 8/22/07
 _____ Date 9-5-07
 _____ Date 8/30/07

By Board of County Commissioners
At Meeting of _____
 Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners