

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 8, 2022

Consent

Regular

Public Hearing

Department: Water Utilities Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to; **A) Approve** the acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Subrecipient Agreement (Agreement) with the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in the amount of \$2,710,000.00 for the Western Region North Wastewater Treatment Facility (WRNWWTF) Electrical and Wet Weather Improvements (Project). This Agreement is effective as of the date DEO executes this Agreement and ends forty-eight (48) months after execution by DEO; **B) Approve** an Environmental Review Exemption Certification Form with DEO. **C) Approve** a Budget Amendment of \$2,710,000.00 in the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) Capital Improvement Fund to recognize the \$2,710,000.00 grant revenue from the agreement. The Catalog of State Financial Assistance No. is 14.228; and **D) Authorize** the County Administrator, or designee, to execute amendments, sub-recipient funding agreements, amendments thereto, and all other documents necessary for the implementation of the grant award.

Summary: The DEO has allotted \$75 million in CDBG-MIT funding to the Rebuild Florida Critical Facility Hardening Program that assists units of general local government and state agencies to harden critical buildings that serve a public safety purpose for local communities. The Project consists of electrical system upgrades and wet weather improvements intended to mitigate risk of power failure at the facility and wastewater overflow that potentially could occur at the facility during severe storms, both of which can disrupt effective wastewater treatment. Awards were distributed on a competitive basis targeting U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas, primarily addressing the Benefits to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) National Objective. WRNWWTF is located in Pahokee, which met program MID and LMI requirements. The Project is included in the PBCWUD FY22 budget. (PBCWUD Project No. 19-035) District 6 (MJ)

Background and Justification: DEO's Office of Disaster Recovery supports long-term recovery housing, infrastructure and economic development needs in Florida communities impacted by disasters. DEO is the governor-designated state authority responsible for administering all (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds awarded to the state. Launched in September 2018, Rebuild Florida is a program of DEO created with federal funding to help Florida's long-term recovery efforts from the devastating impacts of recent storms. The work completed under this grant at WRNWWTF will support long-term mitigation efforts against severe storms in the future. The work to be completed under the Project includes: (i) replacement of the aging electrical switchgear and motor control centers (MCCs), (ii) replacement of the aging onsite backup power generators, and (iii) plant piping improvements to increase the reliability of the plant during high flow, wet weather events.

Attachments:

1. Two (2) Originals of DEO Agreement No. 10166
2. Two (2) Originals of DEO Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Exempt or Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5
3. Location Map
4. Budget Amendment

Recommended By: AL Bayat 1/24/22
 Department Director Date

Approved By: [Signature] 2/3/2022
 Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Capital Expenditures	\$2,710,000	0	0	0	0
Operating Costs	0	0	0	0	0
External Revenues	(\$2,710,000)	0	0	0	0
Program Income (County)	0	0	0	0	0
In-Kind Match County	0	0	0	0	0
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Budget Account No.: Fund 4011 Dept. 721 Unit W047 Object 6545

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No *

Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No

Reporting Category N/A

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

The item provides for \$2,710,000.00 in external funding for a project which replaced funding from Water Utilities User fees resulting in a positive net fiscal impact.

C. Department Fiscal Review: [Signature] GE

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

[Signature] OFMB 1-13-22 BC1114
[Signature] Contract Development and Control
1-26-22 TU

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 1/28/22 2/2/22
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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