PALM BEACH COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	January 10, 2023	[X] []	Consent Workshop	[] []	Regular Public Hearing	
Department:	Planning, Zoning & Building					
Submitted By:	Building Division					
Submitted For:	Building Division					
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF						

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) receive and file a Hazard Mitigation Grant with the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the contract execution by FDEM, for \$210,000 to develop a Watershed Master Plan (WMP) for Unincorporated Palm Beach County;

B) approve an upward Budget Amendment of \$210,000 in the Building fund to recognize the receipt of estimated revenue of the grant from FDEM and budget additional project cost of \$70,000 that is in the current budget. The total project cost is approximately \$280,000.

Summary: On April 7, 2022, the FDEM announced a grant opportunity for Community Rating System (CRS) communities to aid them in the development of a WMP to help improve their CRS ratings. On May 17, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners granted delegated authority to submit the grant application and enter into the agreement with FDEM. FDEM has executed the agreement on December 1, 2022 for the Hazard Mitigation Grant (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.039) reflecting their commitment of funding to the above reference project for \$210,000 or 75% of the eligible project cost. **25% County match is required.**

With the collaboration with Florida Atlantic University (FAU), the funding will provide for the development of a WMP as a prerequisite for all communities to achieve a Class 4 or higher Community Rating System (CRS) rating. The CRS program allows participating communities to achieve significant discounts for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policyholders on flood insurance premiums for their properties. CRS ratings rank from 1 (highest rating/discount) to 10 (lowest rating/discount). A Class 5 rating allows policyholders in the County to receive discounts of up to 25% from the standard NFIP premiums. A Class 4 rating (or higher) would achieve discounts of 30% (or more). Working in coordination with the County Emergency Management Division CRS Coordinator, as well as other County Agencies, County staff work continuously to maintain and improve the County's CRS rating and achieve greater discounts for County property owners. **Unincorporated** (RM)

Background and Justification on page 3

Attachment(s):

- 1) Executed Grant Agreement (1 Original)
- 2) Budget Amendment

Recommended By:_	Department Director	12/7/2022
	Department Diregtor	Date
Approved By:	T.e_	12/12/22
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: Α.

Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures					
Operating Costs	\$280,000	0	0	0	0
External	(\$210,000)	0	0.	0	0
Revenues					
Program	0	0	0	0	0
Income(County)					
In-Kind		0	0	0	0
Match(County					
NET FISCAL	*\$70,000	0	0	0	0
IMPACT					
#ADDITIONAL	0	0	0	0	0
FTE					
POSITIONS	0	0	0	0	0
(CUMULATIVE					

is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes ___ No X__

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

Budget Account No.:

Fund 1400 _____ Department 600 Unit 6115 Object 3401__

Fund <u>1400</u> Department <u>600</u> Unit <u>6115</u> Rsc <u>3139</u>

- Β. **Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:** *75% of the funding source from FDEM and 25% paid by the Building Division.
- C. **Departmental Fiscal Review:**

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments: 19/22

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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Background Justification: The CRS is a national program developed by FEMA. The program is voluntary and designed to incentivize local communities to do what they can to minimize flood risks in their communities. Once in the program, there are annual updates. Participating in the program allows insurable properties in the community to be eligible for reduced flood insurance premiums through the NFIP. A WMP is important to understand floodplain management and the way in which water travels. Providing this information to FEMA and to the community is essential for improving the current CRS rating. There are nearly 38,000 active NFIP policies in the County valued at more than 12 billion dollars. Improving the CRS rating will have a substantial impact on the flood insurance premiums for County property owners. FAU staff have assisted a number of other communities to develop WMPs.