



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Department

Finance

City Council Meeting Date: December 3, 2024

To: City Council
From: Steve C. Chaipel, Deputy City Manager/CFO
Date: November 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into funding agreements with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred because of Hurricane Helene (DR-4828) and Hurricane Milton (DR-4834)

BACKGROUND: Hurricanes Helene and Milton affected the City in late September and October 2024. While neither storm had a direct impact on the island, the City did experience significant effects from each storm, most notably flooding and surge impacts.

The Presidential disaster declaration for Hurricane Helene was made on September 28, 2024 and therefore the City's eligible expenses related to the preparation of the storm are deemed reimbursable through FEMA and the State of Florida. FEMA has approved a Public Assistance (PA) grant to fund these reimbursements. The first attached agreement is the initial step in working through the reimbursement process.

The Presidential disaster declaration for Hurricane Milton was made on October 11, 2024 and therefore the City's eligible expenses related to the preparation of the storm are deemed reimbursable through FEMA and the State of Florida. FEMA has approved a Public Assistance (PA) grant to fund these reimbursements. The second attached agreement is the initial step in working through the reimbursement process.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the Deputy City Manager/CFO to sign the grant agreements between FEMA and the City of Sanibel for Hurricane Helene (Event DR-4828) and Hurricane Milton (Event DR-4834).

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary