



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Planning Department

City Council Meeting Date: July 30, 2024

To: City Council

From: Craig Chandler, AICP, Deputy Planning Director

Date: July 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Approve Subrecipient Agreements, between the City and Lee County, for funding from the Recovery and Resiliency Planning Program of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Fund for three grants totaling \$702,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant agreements.

BACKGROUND:

Lee County received a grant allocation of approximately \$1.1 billion from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Fund, because of the Hurricane Ian disaster event in 2022. Lee County allocated \$25,000,000 in CDBG-DR funding for planning activities as specified in the County's HUD approved Action Plan, with up to \$21,550,000 of that available through a competitive application process open to units of general local government, special districts, public utility providers, public housing authorities, and public-school districts.

Lee County released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on December 5, 2023, for the Recovery and Resiliency Planning Program available to units of general local government (i.e., City of Sanibel) and special districts to apply to fund plans and studies that address risks to people and property, public service interruption from vulnerable populations, and/or impacts to FEMA Community Lifelines (i.e., critical infrastructure and services).

At the March 5, 2024, City Council meeting, the City Council approved Resolution 24-018, which authorized staff to submit the following applications for three (3) Planning Grants totaling \$702,000.

- Sanibel Plan Update (\$250,000).
- Sanibel Transportation Master Plan (\$200,000)
- Sanibel Broadband Feasibility Study (\$252,000)

On April 16, 2024, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners awarded twenty-two (22) planning grants as recommended by the Lee County CDBG-DR Planning & Infrastructure Evaluation Committee, including Sanibel's three (3) projects totaling \$702,000. Lee County staff provided the City with Subrecipient Agreements for each project which require the City Council's

approval. The table of CDBG-DR Planning Grants approved by the BOCC are shown in the table below.

Applicant	Plan Name	CDBG-DR Funding
City of Bonita Springs	Bonita Springs Mobility Plan	\$500,000.00
City of Bonita Springs	Bonita Springs Citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan	\$500,000.00
City of Cape Coral	Coral Parkway: Corridor Resiliency Planning Study	\$565,983.13
City of Cape Coral	North Cape Coral Drainage Basin Alternative Restoration Plan	\$2,558,750.00
City of Cape Coral	Communications Plan	\$300,000.00
City of Cape Coral	City of Cape Coral Disaster Cost & Recovery Plan	\$400,000.00
City of Cape Coral	Business Community Resiliency Plan	\$300,000.00
City of Fort Myers	City of Fort Myers Stormwater Master Plan	\$772,824.00
City of Fort Myers	City of Fort Myers Comprehensive Plan	\$200,000.00
City of Fort Myers	City of Fort Myers THIRA	\$250,000.00
City of Sanibel	Sanibel Broadband Feasibility Study	\$252,000.00
City of Sanibel	Sanibel Transportation Master Plan	\$200,000.00
City of Sanibel	Sanibel Plan	\$250,000.00
Lee County BoCC	Sustainable Community Revitalization Funding Plan	\$100,000.00
Lee County BoCC	Captiva Island Stormwater	\$300,000.00
Lee County BoCC	Community Wildfire Protection Plan	\$250,000.00
Lee County BoCC - DCD	Strategic Growth	\$500,000.00
Lee County BoCC - LCU	Regional Alternative Source Water Supply Study	\$2,453,994.00
Lee County School District	Lee County School District Vulnerability Assessment	\$500,000.00
Town of Fort Myers Beach	Town of Fort Myers Beach Long Term Recovery Plan	\$1,575,000.00
Village of Estero	Village of Estero Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment	\$450,000.00
Village of Estero	Estero Eco-Historic Planning Study	\$450,000.00
Total CDBG-DR Recovery & Resiliency Grant Funding		\$13,628,551.13

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve three Subrecipient Agreements between the City and Lee County for funding from the Recovery and Resiliency Planning Program of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Fund for three grants totaling \$702,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant agreements.

The Subrecipient Agreements are specific to the following projects:

- Sanibel Plan Update (\$250,000).
- Sanibel Transportation Master Plan (\$200,000)
- Sanibel Broadband Feasibility Study (\$252,000)

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary