

**St. Petersburg City Council
Meeting of November 30, 2023**

Consent Agenda

TO: The Honorable Brandi Gabbard, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the City's Storm Drain Marking Program; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Neighborhood Relations Department, Administration Division (083-1081), FY 2024 Stormwater Education Project Funding Project (TBD); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND: The City of St. Petersburg has been awarded, in the past, several grants from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's (TBRPC) Stormwater Education Project Funding Grant for protection and preservation efforts (multi-faceted stormwater education program FY 2023, PUP Champions FY 2021, storm drain watershed placards FY 2019, community outreach and education through street-sweeping vehicle wrap FY 2018, Lake Maggiore Environmental Education Center Watershed Exhibit FY 2017).

The City of St. Petersburg initiated a program in 2015 to encourage residents to mark storm drains with signage to remind their neighbors that "only rain goes down the drain". This program initiative encourages city residents to help the City protect the water quality of our neighborhoods, ponds, lakes, streams, bayous, and bays through the placement of placards on the storm drains and leave behind educational material for neighbors. The Florida Department of Transportation District Seven and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council provides grant funding for stormwater education projects. This funding aims to support public involvement, education, and outreach efforts to improve the quality of stormwater runoff in the Tampa Bay Region.

The storm drain marking program is being facilitated by the Neighborhood Relations Department in partnership with the Stormwater, Pavement, & Traffic Operations (SPTO) Department. The TBRPC Stormwater Education Project Funding award will provide the opportunity and financial assistance to expand and support the reach of our storm drain marking program through the purchasing of more inventory.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept a Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the City's Storm Drain Marking Program; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Neighborhood Relations Department, Administration Division (083-1081), FY 2024 Stormwater Education Project Funding Project (TBD); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant; and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: Revenues of \$5,000 are to be received from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in support of the City's Storm Drain Marking Program and deposited into the General Fund (0001). A supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Neighborhood Relations Department, Administration Division (083-1081), FY 2024 Stormwater Education Project Funding Project (TBD) is required.

APPROVALS

Administration: McFactor

Budget and Management: Lance Stanford

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE CITY'S STORM DRAIN MARKING PROGRAM; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001), RESULTING FROM THESE GRANT REVENUES, TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (083-1081), FY 2024 STORMWATER EDUCATION PROJECT FUNDING PROJECT (TBD); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE GRANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of St. Petersburg ("City") wants to continue to create awareness regarding the effects of littering in our stormwater drains; and

WHEREAS, one of Mayor Ken Welch's pillars for progress is "environment, infrastructure, and resilience;" and

WHEREAS, the City applied for a grant from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's (TBRPC) FY 2024 Stormwater Education Project Funding; and

WHEREAS, TBRPC would like to award the City a Stormwater Education Project Funding Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for protection and preservation efforts of our environment; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Neighborhood Relations Department, Administration Division (083-1081), FY 2024 Stormwater Education Project Funding Project (TBD) is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept a Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the City's Storm Drain Marking Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY 2024

General Fund (0001)

Neighborhood Relations Department,

Administration Division (083-1081),

FY 2024 Stormwater Education Project Funding Project (TBD)

\$5,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant.


This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal:

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Budget:

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Administration:

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