

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Report

Meeting of March 21, 2024

TO: The Honorable Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Chair and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A Resolution approving the Standard Grant Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of St. Petersburg, Florida (“City”) for the City to receive funding through a cost-reimbursement basis grant in an amount not to exceed \$8,870,000 for the City of St. Petersburg Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) Operations and Maintenance Buildings Project; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the Standard Grant Agreement and all other documents necessary to receive this funding; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,870,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Water Resources Capital Projects Fund (4003), resulting from these grant revenues, to the WRF SW Operations & Lab Building Replacement Project (16944); and providing an effective date. (ECID Project No. 21047-111; Oracle No. 16944)

EXPLANATION: The City of St. Petersburg (“City”) will conduct the Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) Operations and Maintenance Buildings Project (Project) to include the replacement of the operations and maintenance buildings at the SWWRF to mitigate wind/flooding vulnerabilities. The project scope includes a modern lab, operations and maintenance staff offices, restrooms/locker rooms, conference room, library, kitchen, and server room. The building(s) will be designed to meet all code-related wind and impact ratings for hurricane hardening techniques including impact-related doors, windows with impact-resistant glass, reinforced roof and wall structures that meet and exceed high-velocity hurricane zone code requirements. The buildings will be above the flood zone and anticipated storm surge. Anticipated cost for this project will be \$20,570,000 of which \$8,870,000 will be funded by this FDEP grant.

The proposed SWWRF Operations and Maintenance Buildings Project represents a strategic investment in safeguarding St. Petersburg's facilities against flooding and storm vulnerabilities. Hardening facilities that house City staff during storm events supports the Department’s commitment to safeguarding public health, protecting critical infrastructure, and safely operating essential wastewater services during and after an emergency. By securing funding support from an FDEP grant that covers a significant part of the project's estimated cost, the City demonstrates its dedication to proactive infrastructure development.

The partially grant-funded SWWRF Operations and Maintenance Buildings Project will prioritize construction for the SWWRF Facility.

Contractor and A/E services will be provided for Council approval as separate Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends authorizing the Mayor or his designee to approve Standard Grant Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of St. Petersburg, Florida (“City”) for the City to receive funding through a cost-reimbursement basis grant in an amount not to exceed \$8,870,000 for the City of St. Petersburg Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) Operations and Maintenance Buildings Project; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the Standard Grant Agreement and all other documents necessary to receive this funding; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,870,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Water Resources Capital Projects Fund (4003), resulting from these grant

revenues, to the WRF SW Operations & Lab Building Replacement Project (16944); and providing an effective date. (ECID Project No. 21047-111; Oracle No. 16944)

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: A portion of the funding -(\$4,000,000) has been previously appropriated in the Water Resources Capital Projects Fund (4003), WRF SW Operations & Lab Building Replacement Project (16944). Additional funding will be available after the approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,870,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Water Resources Capital Projects Fund (4003), resulting from these additional grant revenues to the WRF SW Operations & Lab Building Replacement Project (16944). Additional City funding (\$7,700,000) will be available in FY25 after City Council approval of the annual budget.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
Draft Grant Agreement with referenced Attachments

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA (“CITY”) FOR THE CITY TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COST-REIMBURSEMENT BASIS GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,870,000 FOR THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG SOUTHWEST WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (SWWRF) OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THIS FUNDING; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,870,000 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE WATER RESOURCES CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (4003), RESULTING FROM THESE GRANT REVENUES, TO THE WRF SW OPERATIONS & LAB BUILDING REPLACEMENT PROJECT (16944); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ECID PROJECT NO. 21047-111; ORACLE NO. 16944)

WHEREAS, the City applied for grant funding for the City of St. Petersburg Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) Operations and Maintenance Buildings Project through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida Program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“FDEP”) has awarded the City funding in an amount not to exceed \$8,870,000 through a cost reimbursement basis grant to be used for the replacement of the operations and maintenance buildings at the SWWRF and to mitigate wind and flooding vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive such funding, the City must enter into the standard grant agreement with the FDEP; and

WHEREAS, Administration recommends approval of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that the standard grant agreement between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of St. Petersburg, Florida (“City”) for the City to receive funding through a cost-reimbursement basis grant in an amount not to exceed \$8,870,000 for the City of St. Petersburg Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) Operations and Maintenance Buildings Project is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute the standard grant agreement and all other documents necessary to receive this funding.