

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 \$7,874,334.50 for the St. Petersburg Shore Acres Resiliency Infrastructure 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 \$7,874,334.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Connecticut Ave NE & Vicinity Resiliency SDI Project (19207); and providing an effective date. (ECID Project No. 22033-110; Oracle No. 19207)

EXPLANATION: The proposed Shore Acres Resiliency Infrastructure Project is a crucial investment in mitigating flooding risks and adapting to rising sea levels, with a total estimated cost of approximately \$15,748,669. Securing half of this funding through an FDEP grant, the initiative aims to bolster the community's resilience through various measures. These include enhancing stormwater conveyance capacity via the implementation of pump stations and box culverts, as well as raising low-lying intersections to combat recurrent flooding. Furthermore, the installation of backflow preventers will provide essential coastal flood control during high-tide events. These comprehensive improvements not only address immediate challenges but also align with the City's long-term vision for enhancing transportation infrastructure and ensuring the safety and well-being of Shore Acres residents.

The Shore Acres Resiliency Infrastructure Project represents a strategic approach to fortifying the community against the impacts of climate change, particularly flooding and sea-level rise. By prioritizing resilience and adaptation, the project not only addresses immediate challenges but also ensures the long-term sustainability and safety of Shore Acres, in alignment with the city's broader goals for climate resilience and infrastructure development.

This grant, offered through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida Program, will provide funds for the construction of the Shore Acres Resiliency Infrastructure project.

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 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 \$7,874,334.50 for the St. Petersburg Shore Acres Resiliency Infrastructure 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 \$7,874,334.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Connecticut Ave NE & Vicinity Resiliency SDI Project (19207); and providing an effective date. (ECID Project No. 22033-110; Oracle No. 19207)

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: A portion of the funding (\$4,500,000) has been previously appropriated in the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013), Connecticut Ave NE & Vicinity Resiliency SDI Project (19207). Additional funding will be available after the approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$7,874,334.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Connecticut Ave NE & Vicinity Resiliency SDI Project (19207). The remainder of the City portion (\$3,500,000) 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 \$7,874,334.50 FOR THE ST. PETERSBURG SHORE ACRES RESILIENCY INFRASTRUCTURE 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 \$7,874,334.50 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (4013), RESULTING FROM THESE GRANT REVENUES, TO THE CONNECTICUT AVE NE & VICINITY RESILIENCY SDI PROJECT (19207); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ECID PROJECT NO. 22033-110; ORACLE NO. 19207)

WHEREAS, the City applied for grant funding for the St. Petersburg Shore Acres Resiliency Infrastructure 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 \$7,874,334.50 through a cost reimbursement basis grant to be used for stormwater infrastructure improvements including installing box culverts, a stormwater pump station, backflow preventers, and regrading and elevating roadway segments and intersections; 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 \$7,874,334.50 for the St. Petersburg Shore Acres Resiliency Infrastructure 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013) resulting from these grant revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2024:


<u>Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013)</u>	
Connecticut Ave NE & Vicinity Resiliency SDI Project (19207)	\$7,874,334.50

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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DEPARTMENT:



BUDGET:

