

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM

CONSENT

TO: Jason E. Brown
County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E.
Public Works Director

FROM: James D. Gray, Jr.
Natural Resources Manager

SUBJECT: **Notice of Grant Application for FDEP FY 2018-19 Hurricane Irma Supplemental Funding Request**

DATE: September 10, 2018

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

The Florida Legislature appropriated \$11,198,282 to assist counties with sand replacement associated with beach erosion losses attributable to Hurricane Irma (2017). On September 10, 2018, the County received notification from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) that the Beach Management Funding Assistance Program is accepting requests for Hurricane Irma storm recovery projects. The funding requests are due October 1, 2018 and provide up to a 50 percent State cost share.

Based on the eligibility requirements of this funding, staff feels that the Sector 7 (Porpoise Point) Project Area and the associated design and permitting work currently underway makes this project an ideal candidate for funding. Additionally, staff believes some project construction costs that are not eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FEMA Hurricane Irma Project Worksheet (Sector 7) in progress, are eligible for State funding as well.

Staff is requesting \$265,817.50 in State funding assistance for the Sector 7 Restoration Project, post Hurricane Irma. Staff anticipates cost sharing from the FDEP for design, permitting, construction, to be 50% State and 50% County. Total funding for design, permitting, and some of the construction is \$531,635; \$265,817.50 State: \$265,817.50 County. Note: On February 20, 2018 the Board approved Work Order No. 2018007-1 with our Sector 7 coastal engineering consultant, Coastal Technology Corporation, in the amount of \$256,435. These fees and an additional \$275,200 for sand costs above FEMA eligible reimbursement total the County's anticipated \$531,635 FDEP FY 18/19 supplemental funding request.

The purpose of this Agenda is to request Board approval to apply for the referenced grant. If the grant is approved, staff will address the grant contract through a subsequent Board item.

FUNDING

Local funding of Beach Restoration includes a portion of Local Option Tourist Tax Revenue as well as allocation of the One Cent Sales Tax. Funding for the design and permitting of the Sector 7 Beach Nourishment Project is available and budgeted in the Beach Restoration Fund, Hurricane Matthew Account - Sector 7, Account No. 12814472-066512-17001. Funding for the construction of the Sector 7 Restoration Project, currently anticipated winter 2020/2021, will be addressed through future County budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval authorizing the County Administrator or his designee to submit the FDEP FY 2018/2019 Hurricane Irma Supplemental Funding request on behalf of the County.

ATTACHMENT

Supplemental funding application

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2018