

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**CONSENT**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Kylie Yanchula, Natural Resources Director

**THROUGH:** Eric Charest, Assistant Director, Natural Resources Department

**SUBJECT:** Florida Department of Environmental Protection Local Government  
Funding Request Grant 23IR2, Amendment #1, Indian River County 2022  
Hurricane Ian and Nicole Recovery Project

**DATE:** February 25, 2025

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**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS**

Senate Bill 4A (SB4A) was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis on December 16, 2022, allocating \$100 million dollars to support beach nourishment projects within the 16 counties most impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole in 2022, including Indian River County. On August 17, 2023, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) entered into Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) Grant Agreement No. 23IR2 with Indian River County (IRC) to assist with funding Beach and Dune restoration efforts throughout several of the County's Beach Management Sectors to address Hurricane Ian and Nicole impacts.

The original agreement committed up to \$7,722,000.00 in State reimbursement funding for non-federal reimbursed costs associated with the specific Projects identified in the Grant. Unlike most LGFR Grants, Indian River County's LGFR 23IR2 does not require a County match of funding.

The Natural Resources Department applied for an additional \$1,624,000 through the FDEP's Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program (HRRGP), upon notification of availability and board approval, to assist with County expenses associated with the Sector 4 Dune Restoration Project. On October 22, 2024, IRC was notified that the HRRGP grant was being awarded. As the HRRGP was a new program for the FDEP, at the time of award notification, details on how the funds would be managed were not immediately available. FDEP has determined the tool for managing the funds would be to amend the County's LGFR 23IR2 grant and add a line item to identify HRRGP funds.

On January 16, 2025, as FDEP continued to draft up Amendment #1 to LGFR 23IR2, County Staff were provided the opportunity to increase the HRRGP funding request up to \$1,692,766.61. County Staff then submitted the necessary documentation for the State to increase the County's award by \$68,766.61 over what was originally awarded under the HRRGP program for Sector 4.

LGFR 23IR2, Amendment #1 identifies the inclusion of the HRRGP funds for the Sector 4 Project as a new line item, Construction – HRRGP with an amount of \$1,692,766.61. Along with this inclusion of these additional funds, the grant has been amended to include 2 different deliverable due dates. Since LGFR Grant 23IR2 covers many Beach Management Sectors within the County,

a request from IRC Staff was made to extend the original terms of Grant 23IR2 through September 30, 2026, allowing for additional construction activities to take place. In addition, the HRRGP line item in Grant 23IR2 has a deliverable due date of March 31, 2025. As the expenses approved for funding reimbursement under LGFR 23IR2 HRRGP have already been incurred and paid for by the County, this deliverable due date is accomplishable and will speed up reimbursement for that portion of the Grant.

### **FUNDING**

No additional costs will be incurred to accept this grant amendment and extension.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board approve FDEP Amendment #1 to FDEP LGFR Grant Agreement 23IR2 and authorize the Commission Chairman to sign this Amendment. Staff also recommends the Board further authorize the County Administrator to sign any future Amendments to LGFR 23IR2 that do not alter its' financial terms on behalf of the County and upon concurrence by the County Attorney.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. FDEP Grant Agreement 23IR2\_A1

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: March 11, 2025**