



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Leonard Vialpando

**Department:** Resilient Environment      **Division:** Choose a Division.

### Information

#### Requested Action

A. MOTION TO APPROVE Grant Agreement No. 22RRE03 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for Advancing Vulnerability Assessments Among Under-Resourced Communities in Southeast Florida: A Multi-jurisdictional Approach, with a contract term effective upon execution through August 15, 2023, and a contract value of \$325,000; and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same.

***ACTION: (T-11:01 AM) Approved.***

***VOTE: 9-0. Commissioner Udine voted in the affirmative telephonically.***

B. MOTION TO ADOPT Budget Resolution in the amount of \$325,000 within the Natural Resources Division's State Grant Fund for the purpose of recognizing grant funds from the FDEP.

***ACTION: (T-11:01 AM) Approved Resolution No. 2023-070.***

***VOTE: 9-0. Commissioner Udine voted in the affirmative telephonically.***

#### Why Action is Necessary

Motion A. In accordance with Broward County Code, Chapter 1, Section 1-20, action by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners is necessary to execute the grant agreement.

Motion B. County Commission approval is necessary to receive and appropriate grant funds and unanticipated revenues.

#### What Action Accomplishes

Motion A. Approval of the FDEP Grant Agreement enables the County to accept grant funding from FDEP.

Motion B. Recognizes and appropriates grant funds provided by the State of Florida.

#### Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

#### Previous Action Taken

None taken.

### **Summary Explanation/Background**

THE RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

This item supports the County Commission's Goal of Resilient Community, "Ensuring accessible, seamlessly integrated investments in renewable energy, sustainable practices, manufacturing, resilient infrastructure, and environmental protection."

Earlier this year, Broward County served as the applicant of record on behalf of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (Compact) for a successful grant proposal funded by appropriations reserved for regional resilience entities under the State's Resilient Florida program and administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

The project, entitled "Advancing Vulnerability Assessments Among Under-Resourced Communities in Southeast Florida: A Multi-jurisdictional Approach," will deliver a Vulnerability Assessment (VA) for three to four under-resourced municipalities, within the Compact's partner counties (Broward, Palm Beach, Miami Dade, Monroe), and will develop a methodology that integrates rainfall intensification to augment traditional bath-tub based flood risk analysis, using existing projections as a basis, which shall enhance the capacity of municipal governments to advance statutorily compliant VAs. The development of comprehensive, statutorily compliant VAs conducted through this project will help selected municipalities identify and prioritize resilience projects and will position them to compete for capital project funds needed to address the VA findings as part of subsequent funding opportunities.

FDEP has awarded Broward County \$325,000 in funding for this project, from which Broward County will retain \$22,815 for reimbursement of indirect costs incurred in managing the grant. The remaining \$302,185 will be used to retain a consultant to perform the work and complete the deliverables. Selection of a consultant via the County's Qualified Vendor List for Environmental and Professional Services is already underway.

The proposed Grant Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Office of the County Attorney. The Grant Agreement does not include the County's standard Agreement provisions, as FDEP requires the County to use its form Agreement.

### **Source of Additional Information**

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer and Deputy Director, Resilient Environment Department, (954) 519-1464

### **Fiscal Impact**

#### **Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

The County is expected to pass through \$325,000 of the grant funds to the selected consultant and retain \$22,815 for reimbursement of indirect costs incurred in managing the grant.