

MEMORANDUM

TO: Shawn Sherrouse

THROUGH: Heath Frederick, Public Work Director

FROM: Laurie Smith, Manager of Lakes & Stormwater

DATE: February 21, 2024

RE: **Amendment One to Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Subrecipient Agreement – Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Project**

Attached for your approval and signature is proposed Amendment One to the Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Subrecipient Agreement Number MT047 with the State of Florida Department of Commerce.

In 2022, the City of Lakeland was awarded \$42,986,390.00 in Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, now the Florida Department of Commerce, for the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Project. The subject project will consist of wetland restoration, development of flood mitigation facilities, and infrastructure retrofit in order to improve the water quality of Lake Bonnet and reduce flood risks for the May Manor Mobile Home Park and surrounding areas.

Total grant funding will remain the same under Amendment One to the Agreement, although the timing of some reimbursement payments will be advanced. The following is a summary of the changes contained in Amendment One:

- The City will be required to perform a feasibility study to assess the constructability of the project before proceeding with an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Related to this, the City will be able to access \$1,321,000.00 for the feasibility study rather than having to initially front that amount as provided in the original Agreement.
- All references in the Agreement to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity are changed to the Florida Department of Commerce to recognize the agency's new name as of July 1, 2023.
- The City and its contractors and subcontractors will be required to utilize the E-Verify system to confirm the eligibility of all new employees involved with the project to work in the United States.

This item was initially scheduled to go before the City Commission for approval under the City Attorney's portion of the agenda. Following some discussion with the City Attorney, it was later determined that the changes requested under Amendment One were non-substantive changes (no increase in dollars) and would not require City Commission approval.

Attachment