



City of Boynton Beach Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 06/ 3/2025

Proposed Resolution No. R25-145- Authorize the Mayor to approve Modification #3 to extend the Subrecipient Grant Agreement No. H0861 with Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for the City's Watershed Management Plan to September 30,2025, and execute all future documents associated with the grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution No. R25-145.

Explanation of Request:

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) allowing communities to earn flood insurance discounts of up to 45%. Under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), cities and non-incorporated areas can earn points for conducting floodplain management activities that surpass the minimum NFIP requirements. The Watershed Planning Initiative (WPI) is federally funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to assist Florida communities to improve CRS Class ranking, which in turn reduces National Flood Insurance rates for Florida residents and enhances mitigation practices in communities that are vulnerable to flood risks.

The City of Boynton Beach is currently a CRS Class 5 community, which provides policyholders up to a 25% discount on flood insurance; however, for the City to achieve a CRS Class 4 ranking the City needs to create and adopt a Watershed Master Plan.

On June 16, 2022, the City submitted an application for funding to prepare a Watershed Master Plan, coordinating with FEMA reviewers to ensure acceptance and approval of the Master Plan documents to fulfill CRS Class 4 requirements.

The Executed Contract Agreement No. H0861 dated December 1, 2022, provided a period of performance (POP) ending on September 30, 2023, and gave the City insufficient time to accomplish the goals and objectives of the WMP. Consequently, a period of performance extension of 12-months was granted to Amendment No. 1 and was signed by the Mayor on

July 12, 2022.

Due to new Florida Stormwater Rule regulations implemented on June 28, 2024, the City required additional time to accomplish the deliverables. Amendment No. 2 included a 6-month extension with a completion date of March 31, 2024.

The Utilities Department and the Grants Office are requesting City Commission approval of Modification #3 that will provide a six (6) month extension with a completion date of September 30, 2025, to complete the project and finalize the grant.

How will this affect city programs or services?

The City of Boynton Beach is currently a CRS Class 5 community, allowing residents to get up to 25% discount on flood insurance policies. Importantly, CRS Class 5 communities cannot progress to a CRS Class 4 ranking without the creation and adoption of a Watershed Master Plan. Completion of the Watershed Master Plan will provide one of the pre-requisites for the City to achieve a CRS Class 4 ranking, which will increase the flood insurance discount from 25% to 30% for property and business owners in the City. In addition, this project will provide a detailed understanding of how the City's storm water system will operate under flood conditions, enhancing the City's ability to mitigate flooding and build resilience to sea level rise and climate change.

Account Line Item and Description: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Completion of the Watershed Master Plan will provide one of the pre-requisites for the City to achieve a CRS Class 4 ranking, which will increase the flood insurance discount from 25% to 30% for property and business owners in the City.

Attachments:

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[Exhibit A to Resolution - 4337-004-Pg MOD #3 - For Subrecipient Signature - \(05-15-25\).pdf](#)

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