



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 1404, Version: 1

Subject:

Approval, Re: recognize Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Defense Infrastructure Grant funds and apply to Emergency Operations Center site work utilizing the existing board approved contract.

Fiscal Impact:

\$366,666.66 in revenue to Emergency Management; no General Fund impact

Dept/Office:

Emergency Management

Requested Action:

Request Board of County Commissioners recognize Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Defense Infrastructure Grant funds to perform site work for the new Emergency Operations Center utilizing current board approved contract. It is also requested that the Board authorize the County Manager or designee to submit and execute any additional changes, documents or budget actions, in recognition of a Defense Infrastructure Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office & Risk Management.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Brevard County EOC is the most frequently activated in the state of Florida, and one of the most frequently activated in the U.S., due to the number of space launches and launch attempts. While Brevard has the storm surge, flooding, and wildfire threats that most counties in Florida face, it is also home to the secondbusiest cruise terminal in the world, multiple military facilities, and a robust defenseindustrial base. Brevard is also susceptible to a nuclear power plant incident, as parts of the county are within the 50-mile ingestion pathway for the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant.

Including 2016's Hurricane Matthew, 2017's Hurricane Irma and 2019's Hurricane Dorian, Brevard has had 29 federally declared disasters in the past 50 years, ranking it 78th in the nation, or in the top 3% of counties.

At the same time, our emergency operations center is woefully inadequate. The EOC is over 50 years old, and undersized, with variety of facility issues some caused by age, some by size, and some because today's technology was not contemplated in the 1960s.

\$1.5 million in State funding for EOC architectural and engineering design was appropriated by the State Legislature in 2017. That project is complete.

\$1 million in State funding for EOC initial site work and construction was appropriated by the State Legislature in 2018 and is underway.

\$513,500 in State funding for EOC initial site work and construction was appropriated by the State Legislature in 2019 and is underway.

\$500,000 in Defense Infrastructure Grant funding was awarded to the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, for initial site work and is underway.

This grant is also awarded by Department of Economic Opportunity and is for initial site work.

The Board approved contract for site work will be utilized for this \$366,666.66 grant. Budget changes will be required to reflect new revenue.

Sitework will take place on the property at 1751 Huntington Lane, which is owned by Brevard Public Schools and leased to Brevard County for 99 years at \$1 per year, as approved by the Board of County Commissioners on December 6, 2016

Clerk to the Board Instructions: