



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 2059, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Resolution: Brevard County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS)

Fiscal Impact:

None. An approved and adopted LMS is a requirement for state and local governments, in order to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding following a Presidential Disaster Declaration, per the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act and the Code of Federal Regulations.

Dept/Office:

Public Safety/Emergency Management

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board approve a resolution adopting the Brevard Prepares Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy. Every five years, the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is required to be updated and submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval. In this cycle, that review and approval process was delegated from FEMA to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM). FDEM has determined that Brevard County has developed and submitted all the necessary plan revisions, is compliant with federal standards, and is ready for formal community adoption. In addition to the County, each participating jurisdiction must pass a resolution and the LMS

Summary Explanation and Background:

Additional benefits to having a local hazard mitigation strategy are that it:

1. Increases public awareness and understanding of vulnerabilities as well as support for specific actions to increase resiliency and reduce losses from future natural disasters.
2. Builds partnerships with diverse stakeholders increasing opportunities to leverage data and resources in reducing workloads as well as achieving shared community objectives.
3. Expands understanding of potential risk reduction measures to include structural and regulatory tools, where available, such as ordinances and building codes.
4. Allows for development, prioritization, and implementation of mitigation projects. Projects are designed to accrue cost benefits and increase community resiliency, as losses are reduced after each hazard event.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide the Clerk Memorandum and the Resolution, signed by the Chair, to Emergency Management.