

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2020-240

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 12, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$175,591.52 in grant funds awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for Flood Mitigation Grant – Mitigation Reconstruction of Repetitive Loss Property. The agreement for the Federally-Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement between the City and the Florida Division of Emergency Management is authorized. The Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and (homeowner) Demmi Jo Murphy is authorized. The Division of Emergency Preparedness of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department will oversee the project and will provide the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) with quarterly reports and a close-out report.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to appropriate funds for a mitigation reconstruction of one residential property located at 10253 Shark Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32226, near the Nassau River area, along a section of the Nassau Sound. Heavy rainfall and storm surge floods this property due to its location, with 29 inches of water during Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and 3 feet and 3 inches of water during Hurricane Irma in 2017. The homeowner filed claims for damages which resulted in a loss of \$164,312. The City will demolish one residential structure and construct a new elevated structure no more than 10 percent larger than the original structure at least one foot above the Base Flood Elevation. FEMA will pay \$150,000 in “construction costs,” with the homeowner being responsible for construction costs in excess of \$150,000. The total estimated cost of the project is \$208,635.42, and the federal grant provides approximately 84.16 percent of the funding and the homeowner must provide a 10 percent match, such match being \$33,043.90, or 15.84 percent of the total cost. The funding expires April 1, 2022. The proposed project will protect against future flood damages, health and safety risks, clean-up costs, and displacement time for the residents.

Policy Impact Area: Mitigation Reconstruction of Repetitive Flood/Loss Property

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$175,591.52 as initiated by B.T. 20-045, to mitigate a flood-prone property. There is a 10 percent local match requirement for these funds to be covered by the homeowner. The property will require landscape and annual recurring maintenance costs, to be provided by the proprietor of the property at 10253 Shark Road East. This mitigation activity will bring cost savings to the National Flood Insurance Program through reduced flood insurance claims. Project Management costs are included for this project in the amount of \$9,935.02.

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