

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-34

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

Date of Introduction: January 10, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: January 11, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) grant funds; amending the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan; designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$508,030 in FEMA grant funds, through the Florida Division of Emergency Management (“FDEM”), to fund the acquisition of the property located at 5123 Martha Ann Drive, located on Little Pottsburg Creek, and the demolition of the residential structure located on the property. It authorizes the mayor to execute the grant agreement and deliver the federal funds to the City through the state of Florida, and it amends the 2024-28 CIP to reflect this appropriation. It appoints the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department as the oversight department for this project.

Background Information: The residential structure located on the property at 5123 Martha Ann Drive, located on Little Pottsburg Creek in District 5, suffered major losses which have resulted in the property being listed in the National Flood Insurance Program’s (“NFIP”) Severe Repetitive Loss Property List. The project would include the acquisition of the property, the demolition of the residential structure including the removal of foundation slabs and debris on the property, and the conversion of the property to a perpetual open space conservation easement.

The purpose of the Severe Repetitive Loss (“SRL”) program is to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP through project activities that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund in the shortest period of time. A SRL property is a residential property that is covered under an NFIP flood insurance policy and (a) has at least four NFIP claim payments over \$5,000 each, with the cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeding \$20,000 or (b) for which at least two separate claims payments have been made with the cumulative amount of the building portion of such claims exceeding the market value of the building. The total valuation of the losses of the property at 5123 Martha Ann Drive exceeds the current value of the property.

Policy Impact Area: Floodplain management; flood insurance

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates a \$508,030 FEMA grant through FDEM.

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