

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-0520

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

Date of Introduction: July 23, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: July 23, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation of a continuation grant

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$395,915.00 under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to acquire and demolish a flood-prone property and return it to green space, as initiated by B.T. 19-101; amends the 2019-2023 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) approved by Ordinance 2018-505-E to provide funding for the project entitled Acquisition & Demo of Floodprone Property; authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and the corporation secretary to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the Federally-Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement between Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and City of Jacksonville; and provides for City oversight by Emergency Preparedness Division.

Background Information: The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. HMGP is a partnership that is designed to assist states, local governments, private non-profit organizations, and Indian Tribes in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration. Although the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is federally funded, the program is administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The appropriation includes \$296,936.25 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the FDEM and a 25% city match of \$98,978.75 from Reserve for Federal Funds.

The property is adjacent to Pottsburg Creek at 8369 Bascom Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. Significant storm damage and flood-related issues were a result of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. The estimate of the combined damages is \$132,000.00. This project will remove the structure from the threat of future flood damages for the current residents and reduce future public costs. The CIP amendment is necessary to immediately address the flooding concerns in the best interest of the community.

Policy Impact Area: Flooding, mitigation

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$496,965.00, as initiated by B.T. 19-100, from the Council Operating Contingency Fund.

Analyst: Mitchell