

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2020-0517

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

**Date of Introduction:** August 25, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R, F, NCSPHS

**Date of Analysis:** August 25, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation of funds; authorizing Administration to execute agreement; CIP amendment

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates funds in the sum of \$5,450,501.00 with \$4,087,875.75 (75%) coming from FEMA through the Florida Division of Emergency Management and a City match of \$1,362,625.25 (25%) coming from the General Fund for acquisition and demolition of 22 flood-prone structures. The transfer is as follows:

**From:**

**Subfund Title:** General Fund - GSD  
**Activity/Grant Title:** Fund Level Activities  
**Line Item:** Transfer from Fund Balance  
**Amount:** \$1,362,625.25

**Subfund Title:** Grant CIP  
**Activity/Grant Title:** FRCP Fire Stations Capital Projects -  
Emergency and Disaster Relief Service  
**Line Item:** US Dept of Homeland Security  
**Amount:** \$4,087,875.75

**To:**

**Subfund Title:** Grant CIP  
**Activity/Grant Title:** FRCP Fire Stations Capital Projects -  
Emergency and Disaster Relief Service  
**Line Items:** Land Acquisition Cost (\$4,148,622);  
Miscellaneous Services & Charges (\$250,000); Demolition  
& Site Clearance (\$762,431); Other Professional Services  
(\$289,448)  
**Total Amount:** \$5,450,501.00

The bill amends the 20/24 CIP to provide funding for the project entitled "Acquisition & Demo of 22 Flood-prone Properties (South Shores B)."

**Background Information:** This legislation is required for the City to accept a federally funded sub-award and enter into a grant agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management. Participation in this grant project is voluntary and at the discretion of the current homeowners if ownership has changed following the original project application. Properties acquired in this project would be returned to green space, which would improve local flood storage and conveyance. Acquired properties would be deed-restricted so as not to allow for new structures to be built that would inevitably be damaged by future flooding. The properties targeted for this project are located within the 100-year floodplain. This area experienced storm surge of over three feet during Hurricane Irma severely impacting many of the structures. This project will reduce future public costs to the county, state, and federal agencies that provide evacuation and rescue, emergency shelter, and debris removal services. The project would further reduce the financial burden on taxpayers caused by having to repeatedly repair these properties that were built directly adjacent to the St. Johns River and located within the 100-year floodplain. Additionally, this project would remove current residents from the immediate dangers presented by flooding.

**Policy Impact Area:** Resiliency; public health and safety

**Fiscal Impact:** All funding for this project will expire June 30, 2022. There is a 25% match requirement to be provided by the City for this mitigation grant project. There will be an ongoing maintenance cost for upkeep of the converted properties, which will consist of landscaping and tree maintenance, to be incorporated into existing budgets. Contingency costs of \$195,831.00 are included in the project total, which will require amendment to the State-Local agreement to receive if they are required.

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