

# LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

DATE: 04/03/20

BT or RC No: BT20-100  
(Administration & City Council Bills)

SPONSOR: Neighborhoods Department / Housing and Community Development Division  
(Department/Division/Agency/Council Member)

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PURPOSE: White Paper (Explain Why this legislation is necessary? Provide; Who, What, When, Where, How and the Impact.) Council Research will complete this form for Council introduced legislation and the Administration is responsible for all other legislation. (Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc on the City of Jacksonville (the "City") back in September 2017. Heavy rains and overflowing rivers caused catastrophic flooding resulting in widespread damages to homes and infrastructure. One of the hardest hit communities was the Ken Knight Drive Neighborhood in Washington Heights. This community is comprised of a very high concentration of individuals and families living at or below the poverty level (92.47% are LMI according to HUD Data). The homes in this community were built in the 1960's and earlier and are well below the base flood elevation (9 feet in some areas). Very few, if any, of the properties had flood insurance and nearly all of properties (located in the floodplain) were severely damaged by this flooding event. In order to repair these homes and bring them up to current building code, most would need to be elevated at least 10 feet. However, given the condition of the majority of these structures, this would not be a feasible option.

The City applied for the CDBG-DR Irma – Voluntary Home Buyout Program in October 2019 and was awarded a \$5 million grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). DEO is the Recipient of the HUD CDBG-DR Irma funding and the City is a Subrecipient. This grant will allow the City to directly address damage from Hurricane Irma by removing structures that were impacted by storm surge and riverine flooding.

APPROPRIATION: Total Amount Appropriated \$5,000,000.00 as follows:

List the source name and provide Object and Subobject Numbers for each category listed below:

(Name of Fund as it will appear in title of legislation)

Name of Federal Funding Source(s)	From: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (Dederal Pass-Through)	Amount:	\$5,000,000.00
	To: City of Jacksonville CDBG-DR Hurricane Irma Voluntary Home Buyout Program	Amount:	\$5,000,000.00
Name of State Funding Source(s):	From: _____	Amount:	_____
	To: _____	Amount:	_____
Name of City of Jacksonville Fundir	From: _____	Amount:	_____
	To: _____	Amount:	_____

Name of In-Kind Contribution(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____

Name & Number of Bond Account(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____

**PLAIN LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT / OTHER:**

Explain: Where are the funds coming from, going to, how will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame? Will there be an ongoing maintenance? ... and staffing obligation? Per Chapters 122 & 106 regarding funding of anticipated post-construction operation costs.

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This program will reduce future public costs associated with evacuation and rescue, emergency shelter, temporary housing, home repairs, financial assistance and debris removal services following tropical cyclone and flooding events in this neighborhood. This program will reduce the financial burden on taxpayers caused by having to repeatedly fund subsidized repairs of these properties that were built within the 100-year floodplain. Additionally, this program would remove current residents from the immediate dangers as well as the emotional and financial toll associated with future flooding events. Lastly, this program will provide the residents of this neighborhood with the opportunity to obtain alternate affordable housing outside of the floodplain.

Properties acquired in through this program will be returned to green space which would improve local flood storage and conveyance. Acquired properties will be deed-restricted so as not to allow for new structures to be built that would inevitably be damaged by future flooding. The City will have two years from the time the contract with DEO is executed to complete this program.

**ACTION ITEMS: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.**

ACTION ITEMS:	Yes	No	
Emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Justification of Emergency: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of emergency. <input type="text"/>
Federal or State Mandate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Explanation: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of mandate including Statute or Provision. <input type="text"/>
Fiscal Year Carryover?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Note: If yes, note must include explanation of all-year subfund carryover language. All-Years Subfund <input type="text"/>
CIP Amendment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate CIP form(s). Include justification for mid-year amendment.
Contract / Agreement Approval?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment & Explanation: If yes, attach the Contract / Agreement and name of Department (and contact name) that will provide oversight. Indicate if negotiations are on-going and with whom. Has OGC reviewed / drafted? The Neighborhoods Department / Housing and Community Development Division continues to negotiate the final contract with the State.
Related RC/BT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate RC/BT form(s).
Waiver of Code?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Code Reference: If yes, identify code section(s) in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.

Code Exception?

Code Reference: If yes, identify code in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.

Related Enacted Ordinances?

Code Reference: If yes, identify related code section(s) and ordinance reference number in the box below and provide detailed explanation and any changes necessary within white paper.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

	Yes	No	
Continuation of Grant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Explanation: How will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame and/or multi-year? If multi-year, note year of grant? Are there long-term implications for the General Fund?
Surplus Property Certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate form(s).
Reporting Requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Explanation: List agencies (including City Council / Auditor) to receive reports and frequency of reports, including when reports are due. Provide Department (include contact name and telephone number) responsible for generating

Division Chief: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared By:                     /s/ Laura Stagner                      
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Date:                     4/3/2020                    

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Legislation from Independent Agencies requires a resolution from the Independent Agency Board approving the legislation.

Independent Agency Action Item: Yes No  
Boards Action / Resolution?

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate documentation. If no, when is board action scheduled?

**FACT SHEET IS REQUIRED BEFORE LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED**