

RESOLUTION 2023- 114

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING \$421,950 AWARDED TO THE COUNTY BY FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNDER THE RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SAN JULIAN WETLAND SECONDARY OUTFALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE REQUIRED 50% LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, through the Resilient Florida Grant Program (the “Program”) will provide financial assistance to Florida communities for the implementation of projects which help to adapt critical assets to the effects of flooding and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners authorized the submittal of grant applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection seeking funding for projects on the County’s Capital Improvement Plan which may be eligible under the Program (Resolution 2022-289); and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2023, the County was notified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that the County was awarded Resilient Florida Program Grant 23FRP11 in the amount of \$421,950 with a 50% match requirement for the San Julian Wetland Secondary Outfall Drainage Improvement project; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department will provide the 50% local match with funds budgeted in its fiscal year 2023 Capital Improvement Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, when preparing the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, was unaware that this funding would become available.

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the terms, provisions, conditions and requirements of the Grant Agreement, and has determined entering into same will serve the best interests of St. Johns County and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby recognizes and appropriates \$421,950.00 awarded to the County by Florida Department of Environmental Protection under the Resilient Florida Grant Program for the San Julian Wetland Secondary Outfall Drainage Improvement project to the Capital Improvement Transportation Trust Fund Budget.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and accepts the terms, provisions, conditions and requirements of the Grant Agreement and authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

Section 4. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute any other paperwork necessary or associated with Resilient Florida Program Grant 23FRP11.

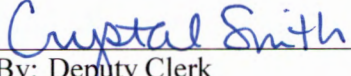
Section 5. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised with subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 18 day of April, 2023.

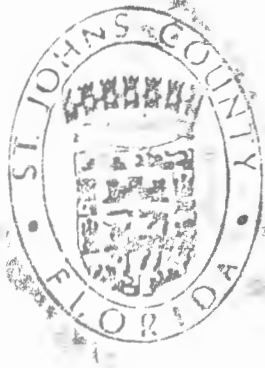
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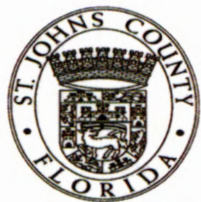

By: Christian Whitehurst, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller


By: Deputy Clerk

Rendition Date APR 18 2023





**GROWTH MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT REPORT**
**Florida Department of Environmental Protection –
Resilient Florida Grant Program**

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Westly Woodward, Principal Resiliency Planning Analyst

Date: March 15, 2023

Subject: Recognition and allocation of funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Resilient Florida Grant Program.

Applicant: St. Johns County

Hearing dates: BCC – August 16, 2022
BCC – April 18, 2023

SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-114 recognizing the \$421,950 award from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Resilient Florida Program as unanticipated revenue and authorizing its appropriation and expenditure in the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Transportation Trust Fund.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), through the Resilient Florida Grant Program (the Program), offers funding to assist Florida communities to implement projects which help to adapt critical County assets to the effects of flooding and sea level rise. On August 16, 2022 the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners authorized the submittal of grant applications to the FDEP for projects that are on the County's approved Capital Improvement Plan which may be eligible under the Program.

On March 1, 2023, the County was notified by the FDEP that that the County was awarded \$421,950 through the Resilient Florida Program for the San Julian

Wetland Secondary Outfall Drainage Improvement project. The area bounded by the project regularly experiences flooding during storm events and floodwaters are slow to recede due to inadequate County owned outfall conveyances beneath Joey Drive, Trade Wind Lane, and Marsh Place North. The objective of the project awarded by the FDEP is to reduce depth and duration of flood water through improvements to the existing drainage system to re-establish natural drainage conveyance. The project is to include the upgrade of four culverts to increase conveyance capacity and facilitate positive drainage for the existing system. The award from the FDEP has a 50% match component which will be provided by the previously adopted Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the project.

TIMELINE

BCC 8/16/2022 - BOCC authorized the submittal of an FDEP grant application via Resolution 2022-289

BCC 4/18/2023

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Resolution