

RESOLUTION 2023- 115

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SEEKING GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS PROJECTS ON THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY WORKING GROUP RANKED LIST.**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, makes funds available with a 25% local match component following a major declared disaster to assist states, local governments, private non-profit organizations and Indian Tribes in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures; and

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Florida, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Florida Administrative Code, the process of selecting eligible mitigation projects to be submitted for funding consideration is delegated to each county's Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Johns County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group has listed and ranked eligible projects for consideration for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under major declared disaster incident 4673 Hurricane Ian; and

**WHEREAS**, after a review of the conditions and requirements, the County has determined that applying for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program serves the overall interest of the County.

**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 authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute and submit Grant applications to the Florida Division of Emergency Management in order to receive funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under Hurricane Ian.

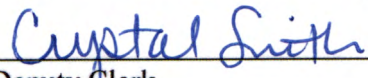
**Section 3.** To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised with subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

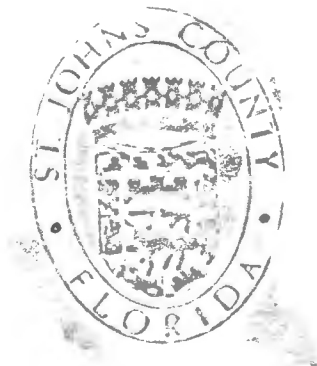
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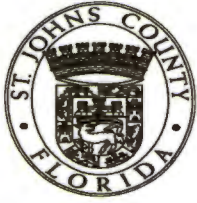
By:   
Christian Whitehurst, Chair

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

By:   
Deputy Clerk

Rendition Date APR 18 2023





**GROWTH MANAGEMENT  
DEPARTMENT REPORT  
Federal Emergency Management Agency – Hazard  
Mitigation Grant Program**

**To:** Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Westly Woodward, Principal Resiliency Planning Analyst  
**Date:** March 20, 2023  
**Subject:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application for DR -  
4673 Hurricane Ian  
**Applicant:** St. Johns County  
**Hearing dates:** BCC – April 18, 2023

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**SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-115, authorizing the County Administrator, or designee to execute and submit Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) applications to FDEM, on behalf of the St. Johns County, for projects that may be eligible under DR - 4673 Hurricane Ian HMGP.

**NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

Following a major declared disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes funds available to assist states, local governments, and others in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). In the state of Florida, HMGP is administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and funds are allocated to each Florida county based on their individual and public assistance claims made to FEMA under the declared disaster. The Florida Administrative Code delegates the process of selecting and ranking eligible mitigation projects to be considered for funding to each County's Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group; the projects are then submitted to FDEM and then transmitted to FEMA based on the State's review.

On February 21, 2023 the Florida Division of Emergency Management announced a notice of funding availability for HMGP funds under declared incident 4673 Hurricane Ian. The St. Johns Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group has reviewed and ranked the proposed projects under the County's Hurricane Ian allocation. The projects are to include, in ranked order, the hardening of barrier island lift stations, generator upgrades at two high schools that serve as shelters during storm events, a standby generator at a community center for post-disaster sheltering for individuals who may not be able to return home immediately after shelters close, and the elevation of 3 residential homes. If submitted and determined eligible, the projects would receive funding in the order that they are ranked until the County's allocation is expended.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – LMSWG Ranked Project List

### St. Johns County HMGP Ranked Project List- lan

Project Rank	Project Score	Project	Applicant	Goal(s)
1	94	Barrier Island Lift Station Mitigation	SJC Utilities	3 & 5
2	74	Generator upgrades at Pedro Menendez and Bartram Trail high schools	SJC School District	1 & 3
3	72	Standby Generator for Post-disaster sheltering at Solomon Calhoun Community Center	SJC Emergency Mgmt.	1 & 3
4	62	Elevation of 3 Residential Homes	SJC	1 & 2