

4. Consideration of submitting an application for the Fiscal Year 2024 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. (AGENDA REVISION)



## LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

**THRU:** Richard E. Stover, Fire Chief

**DATE:** July 18, 2024

**RE:** Consideration of submitting an application for the Fiscal Year 2024 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. (AGENDA REVISION)

### SUMMARY:

Fire Rescue is requesting Council authorization to submit a proposal under the FEMA/DHS Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP). If awarded, the grant would cover the funding for a Regional (Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville FL Metro Area) Preparedness initiative. The total funding is approximately \$1 million and there is no match from the City required. The performance period will commence October 1, 2024, and extend for a total of 3 years. The grant application deadline is July 25, 2024.

The grant would fully fund two (2) full time personnel (one emergency planner and one GIS Specialist) for the 3-year period of performance, funding for hiring of contractors for FEMA training and multiple disaster exercises, funding for a regional situational awareness platform, and expenses to provide education and outreach to all disadvantaged communities within the MSA. This is pending collaborative agreement between Palm Bay, Melbourne, Titusville and other municipalities in the County.

### REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Fire

### FISCAL IMPACT:

None - no match.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to approve applying to the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program for the 2024 period.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program Information

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY- FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

❖ *Fiscal Year 2024 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program*

The goal of the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant (RCPGP) program is to enhance regional resilience by supporting comprehensive planning, coordination, and collaboration across jurisdictions to improve preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience in the face of catastrophic events. The National Response Framework defines a catastrophic incident as any natural or manmade incident, including terrorism, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption affecting the population, infrastructure, environment, economy, national morale, or government functions. The RCPGP provides resources that supports states and local governments in meeting the following objectives:

- Build state and local capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding regional collaboration among emergency managers and other preparedness stakeholders;
- Involve regional stakeholders in the development of plans to address those core capabilities that present persistent preparedness challenges, with specific focus on community-level resilience, and an emphasis on addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities and long-term vulnerability reduction within those communities;
- Establish a resilient and sustainable housing market that meets the needs of the community, including the need for accessible housing within the specified timeframe in the recovery plan;
- Assess preliminary housing impacts and needs, identify currently available options for temporary housing, and plan for permanent housing.

**Eligible Entities:** State, County, or City governments.

**Total Program Funding Available:** \$10.8 million

**Required Cost Sharing or Match:** None

**Application Deadline:** July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00PM EST

Additional program information available [here](#).