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### **TITLE**

Ratification of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application to Department of Emergency Management for Federal Emergency Management Agency for Disaster Assistance Resulting From Hurricane Ian for Old Crystal River Road Area Flood Relief Project

### **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded over \$800 million in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding as a result of Hurricane Ian, with Hernando County being allocated \$1,800,482.61.

The Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) is working with FEMA to administer the program. Projects are sent to FDEM for review of program compliance. Once completed, FDEM will recommend projects to FEMA for funding consideration.

If a municipality does not apply or if their project is not deemed eligible, those allocated funds are available for other approved municipalities' projects as seen fit by FDEM.

The Old Crystal River Road project will allow for stormwater mitigation efforts to be designed and constructed in a flood prone section of road. Hernando County applied for \$243,750 in HMGP Federal Assistance for this project with the County contributing \$56,050 in Cash Match from MSTU funds and \$25,200 In-Kind services.

Grant Policy 15-01 provides an allowance for the County Administrator to approve submittal of grant applications when time constraints exist. Due to time constraints, this grant application was submitted on August 24, 2023, with the approval of the County Administrator. In accordance with Grant Policy 15-01 the grant application is being brought to the Board for ratification of the grant application.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None at this time. If this project is awarded, this project will receive up to \$243,750 towards design and construction to support the County's improvements of Old Crystal River Rd. There is a 25% match required that will be funded by the Stormwater Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU).

### **LEGAL NOTE**

The Board is authorized to act on this matter pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board ratify the application for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds for design, construction, and related services on the Old Crystal River Road Project.