

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: January 11, 2022

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Authorization for the Town Manager to Modify FDEM Grant No. H0374 for Town Utility Undergrounding Project  
**Resolution No. 006-2022**

DATE: December 10, 2021

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 006-2022 authorizing the Town Manager to sign the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Modification No. 1 to State Grant No. H0374 for Federal cost-sharing participation in the amount of \$8,062,242.74 for utility protection measures within the Town Utility Undergrounding Project. Staff also recommends the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to sign future modifications if necessary.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

On December 17, 2019, the Town entered into Grant No. H0374 with FDEM. This cost-share agreement included Federal reimbursement in the amount of up to 8,465,355.00 with an expiration date of March 31, 2022. This included an initial Federal funding commitment of \$8,062,242.74 with a contingency of \$403,112.26. Modification No. 1 to this agreement extends the terms of the agreement to May 30, 2023 and maintains the initial funding commitment. Executing this modification to the agreement affords the Town the opportunity to maximize Federal cost sharing by extending the eligible period of performance to accommodate the delays to multiyear effort that is underway.

## **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

FEMA funds from Hurricane Irma disaster declaration No. 4337, through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4337-278-R, will reimburse the Town up to \$8,062,242.74 for 47.3% of \$17,881,831.00 total cost to be spent on eligible Utility Undergrounding Project utility protection measures.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

This format has been utilized by the Town in previous recommendations and was approved by the Town Attorney.

Attachment

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager  
Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance  
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer  
Dean Mealy, Purchasing Manager