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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager  
DATE: March 27, 2023

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER/HIS DESIGNEE(S), TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING, AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS OR AGREEMENTS, IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCIAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ASSISTANCE FUNDS RELATED TO DECLARED DISASTERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, PROGRAMS THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, AND FUNDING RECEIVED THROUGH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AND INCLUDING, EXECUTING REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, RELIEF/ASSISTANCE CLAIMS, AND REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT REIMBURSEMENTS THROUGH DISASTER FUNDING PROGRAMS.**

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Resolution.

### **ANALYSIS**

The City of Miami Beach prepares for and mitigates various hazards and threats, including hurricanes and other natural disasters, public health emergencies and disasters characterized as human-caused or technical, such as building collapses and cyber-attacks. FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program provides PA grants to local governments so communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. This assistance helps to cover costs for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and restoring public infrastructure among many other eligible expenses. The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has similar programs to assist in public safety preparation, mitigation, response and recovery.

The City of Miami Beach is typically the subrecipient of PA, as the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) serves as the recipient, or "pass-through," entity for funding. FDEM manages awards under the disaster declaration and disburses funding once the subrecipient is deemed eligible. Emergency Management and other City Staff ensure that all requests for reimbursement meet the requirements set forth by FEMA. FEMA reviews the applications for compliance, then, when deemed eligible, awards the funding to the State, who allocate the funds based on their subsequent review of the applications. The process from application to receipt of the check can take months to years.

The referenced resolution allows the City Manager (or her/his designee(s)) to accept PA funding on behalf of the City without having to bring each reimbursement project before the Mayor and City Commission for approval. Not needing to complete that step can mean receipt of funds months earlier.

## **CONCLUSION**

The City has requested and received individual Delegation of Authority resolutions for reimbursement requests for protective measures and response projects such as Hurricane Irma and the COVID-19 programming. Granting the delegation of authority facilitates the process of receiving funding. The referenced resolution provides authority to the City Manager to accept funding for all declared disasters without the step of requesting Commission approval, streamlining the process.

## **KEY INTENDED OUTCOMES SUPPORTED**

Enhance Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

N/A

## **LEGISLATIVE TRACKING**

Emergency Management

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution 2023-

ATH/VF/JRM/SHL