

RESOLUTION NO. 17-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT, AS ATTACHED IN EXHIBIT A, BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLEARWATER (THE CITY) AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DEO) FOR A COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas in the country to the impacts of sea level rise, and as a coastal community with significant infrastructure and population located on its barrier islands, the City will be affected by those impacts; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg NOAA Tide Station, which has been in operation since 1946, has shown that water levels have increased approximately 6.6 inches since that time; and

WHEREAS, NOAA projections and the Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel, a network of local scientists and planners working in the Tampa Bay region, conclude that the Tampa Bay region may experience additional sea level rise between 6 inches and 2.5 feet by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently participating in DEO's Community Resiliency Initiative Pilot Program, a partnership between DEO, NOAA, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Emergency Management, receiving complimentary technical assistance to evaluate coastal vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning approaches and resources in order to develop adaptation strategies to current and future coastal hazards; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2015, Florida Senate Bill 1094, "An Act relating to the peril of flood," (*Peril of Flood*) was signed into law, which specifies components that must be contained in the coastal management element required for a local government comprehensive plan, including a coastal redevelopment component that addresses how to eliminate inappropriate and unsafe development in the coastal areas when opportunities arise; and

WHEREAS, section 163.3178(2)(f), Florida Statutes, now includes sea-level rise as one of the causes of flood risk that must be addressed in the "redevelopment principles, strategies, and engineering solutions" to reduce flood risk; and

WHEREAS, DEO selected the City to receive technical assistance grant funding to identify coastal areas susceptible to current and future flood risk, evaluate existing comprehensive plan policies and other implementation tools in terms of potential

effectiveness in reducing flood risk, consistent with the *Peril of Flood* requirements set out in section 163.3178(2)(f), Florida Statutes, and prepare draft comprehensive plan amendments that address any identified deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, an agreement is required, establishing the agreed payment not to exceed \$20,000 and the scope of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement (the Agreement) between the City and DEO, attached as Exhibit "A," details the scope of responsibility between DEO and the City as part of the Technical Assistant Grant program; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City approves the Agreement, as attached in Exhibit "A," accepting the DEO's Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$20,000 and authorizing appropriate City officials to take all necessary action as may be necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the City of Clearwater in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

George N. Cretekos
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Camilo Soto
Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk