



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 5, 2018

To: Planning, Building and Zoning Committee
Finance and Administrative Committee

From: Mike Warner, Executive Director

Subject: SMC After-the-Fact Grant Application Approval
IDNR OWR Flood Mitigation Program

ACTION REQUESTED: Direct Match Approval

Pursuant to the budget policy excerpt below, Committee approval is required when direct cash match is being utilized for a grant application. SMC was contacted by IDNR OWR following State budget approval on May 31st, to solicit a Flood Mitigation Grant application for the buyout of flood damaged homes as a result of the flooding in July 2017. SMC has prepared a grant application at the request of IDNR OWR applying for a total of \$3,797,481 of project funding, while requesting to utilize \$177,647 of SMC assigned floodplain property buyout funding in CCIP account 101-1103025-81010.

The overall goal is to remove at-risk floodplain residents from their flood damaged homes, and most efficiently utilize local, state and federal grant funding. The account referenced above was previously approved for floodplain property buyout purposes, and SMC has utilized that fund over several years, to supplement other local government cash and in-kind services match. The fund dedicated to this program has been managed frugally by SMC and been audited by FEMA. All accounting examination has received positive feedback.

This grant applications proposes to buyout 11 residential structures on a shared service basis with 3 local governments across the county.

The buyout program has been very successful over an approximate 20-year span resulting in over 200 flood risk parcels purchased around the county.

Budget Policies Section III.A.7.

New grants: During the course of any fiscal year, any Department intending to pursue a new grant (i.e., one that was not awarded in the previous fiscal year) shall acquire approval from the standing committee and the F&A Committee (or the County Board if so required by the agency) to apply for such grant prior to application if the grant requires a direct County match. Renewal of grants awarded during the previous fiscal year or those that are for less than \$10,000 and do not require a County match do not need prior approval. If the deadline to apply for any grant does not allow sufficient time for prior approval the department may apply and submit for approval to committee(s) at the next available committee meetings. Departments will notify the Department of Finance & Administrative Services of grant applications that require an indirect, or in-kind, match.