



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0285, **Version:** 1

Department: Commissioner, Precinct 1
Department Head/Elected Official: Rodney Ellis

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA
Type of Request: Policy

Project ID (if applicable): N/A
Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A
MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A
Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval to direct the Harris County Flood Control District (“District”) to assign prioritization scores using the adopted 2022 Prioritization Framework for the Allocation of Funds from the Harris County Flood Resilience Trust to all new flood risk reduction projects funded by the District when requesting Commissioners Court approval to initiate the project, and to transmit those scores as quartiles to Commissioners Court.

Background and Discussion:

In 2019, Harris County Commissioners Court approved a Prioritization Framework for the Implementation of the Harris County Flood Control District 2018 Bond Projects. The framework was updated in 2022 with input from the Community Flood Resilience Task Force to create the Prioritization Framework for Allocation of Funds from the Harris County Flood Resilience Trust. These frameworks were created for specific purposes and are not currently applied to all flood risk reduction projects undertaken by the Flood Control District.

At the request of Harris County Commissioner’s Court, this item ensures that all new flood risk reduction projects will be assigned an estimated prioritization score using the 2022 Framework based on the best available information on the project cost, benefits, and other relevant details. Because the scores will be estimates, they will be presented for informational use as “quartiles” as follows: Fourth Quartile (0 - 2.5) / Third Quartile (2.51 - 5.0) / Second Quartile (5.1 - 7.5), First Quartile (7.51 - 10). Prioritization scores will be assigned to Harris County Flood Control District projects focused on capacity and conveyance improvements; scores will not be assigned to projects that may not have direct flood reduction benefits, such as floodplain preservation, right away acquisition, voluntary home buyouts, wetland mitigation banks, channel maintenance activities, or projects that are studies or investigations. It is also important to note that the 2022 Prioritization Framework does not take into consideration regulatory requirements or legislative considerations related to grant or federal partnership criteria. The Flood Control District recognizes the need to continue to develop / refine tools to advance the “worst first” approach and consider the holistic, comprehensive benefits of a

project, and recommends additional tools be developed as part of the Flood Resilience Planning effort that is slated to start in 2023.

Expected Impact: Providing score quartiles will provide information to compare existing projects and add transparency into how projects align with County priorities

Alternative Options: N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding**
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
08/27/2019	2.g	Approval of Bond Prioritization Framework
06/29/2021	191.	Approval of Flood Resil
10/26/2021	136.	Motion to address floo
12/14/2021	17.	Motion to present proj Framework to the CFR
4/26/2022	228.	Transmittal by the Floc County Community Flo recommendations on t Prioritization Framewo
4/26/2022	229	Transmittal by the Floc Framework for the Allc Trust
6/28/2022	123	Approval of a recomme County Flood Resilienc from the Harris County Program projects acco

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
1000 - General Fund	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: January 10, 2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable):