



Legislation Text

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Department: Flood Control District

Department Head/Elected Official: Tina Petersen, Ph.D., P.E., Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Financial Authorization

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 of a recommended methodology for determining Harris County Flood Resilience Trust eligibility and the utilization of funds from the Harris County Flood Resilience Trust on 2018 Bond Program projects according to that methodology.

Background and Discussion:

On June 29, 2021, the Harris County Commissioners Court established the Flood Resilience Trust to act as a backstop for 2018 Bond Program projects with anticipated partnership funding gaps and projects with contingency funding needs. Commissioners Court directed the Flood Control District to use an updated Prioritization Framework to allocate funds from the Trust.

On April 26, 2022, the Harris County Flood Control District transmitted the “2022 Prioritization Framework for the Allocation of Funds from the Harris County Flood Resilience Trust” to Commissioners Court, in response to this directive.

To implement that framework, recommendations are submitted for Commissioners Court’s consideration along with an initial request for utilization of \$84.95 million in Flood Resilience Trust funds, including the following:

- Recommended methodology for determining whether a project is eligible to access funds from the Flood Resilience Trust;
- A summary of the existing and anticipated future available funds in the Flood Resilience Trust;
- A summary of partnership funding awarded and anticipated partnership funds that have not yet been awarded to 2018 Bond Program projects;
- Details of the current request for authorization to utilize \$84.95 million in Flood Resilience Trust funds

towards 2018 Bond Program Projects with partnership funding gaps and contingency funding needs; and

- Appendixes listing projects included in the current funding request and prioritization scores for all projects with existing funding gaps.

Based on the methodology presented here, we anticipate that the current Flood Resilience Trust funding availability is sufficient to implement the 2018 Bond Program for at least the next 12 months, after which, assuming no other partnerships are secured, additional County resources previously committed to the Bond Program may be needed. The timing and amount of this need will depend on the amount of partnership funding that can be secured and allocated towards projects with partnership gaps.

If approved, the Harris County Flood Control District will return to Commissioners Court on a biannual basis with additional requests for utilization of the Flood Resilience Trust, including an updated analysis of partnership and contingency funding needs, available funding, and flood resilience trust eligibility for 2018 Bond Program projects with outstanding funding needs.

Expected Impact:

To date, partnership funding gaps have not caused delays in 2018 Bond Program implementation. However, some projects with partnership funding gaps are nearing stages in their project lifecycles in which additional funding beyond the currently allocated local funding will be needed. The Flood Resilience Trust will allocate funding to projects with existing funding gaps according to the 2022 Prioritization Framework to ensure that high-priority projects in immediate need of funding will continue without schedule delays or interruptions, while the County continues to pursue partnership funding for any and all eligible projects.

Alternative Options:

There currently is no approved methodology for allocation of funds from the Flood Resilience Trust.

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 Resilience Trust
10/26/2021	136.	Motion to address flooded structures outside
12/14/2021	17.	Motion to present proposed changes to the

4/26/2022	228.	Transmittal by the Flood Control District on the proposed modifications to the 2019 Pri
4/26/2022	229	Transmittal by the Flood Control District of

Location: N/A

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	N/A		
	SFY 22	FY 23	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			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
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 Implementation Date: June 28, 2022**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Tina Petersen, Ph.D., P.E., Executive Director, Flood Control District**Attachments** (if applicable): Harris County Flood Resilience Trust: Recommended Methodology and Request for Utilization of Funds