

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Public Assistance Agreement – State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and Sumter County Board of Commissioners (Staff Recommends Approval).**

REQUESTED ACTION: **Staff Recommends Approval**

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 7/14/2020

CONTRACT: N/A

Vendor/Entity: State of Florida -
Division of Emergency
Management

Effective Date: 7/14/2020

Termination Date: End of Obligation Period

Managing Division / Dept: **Office of Management & Budget**

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE: Federal Public Assistance Program

Type: N/A

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: Various Expenditure Accounts

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

On March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared an emergency under Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The declaration authorized assistance to all U.S. states, territories, tribes, and the District of Columbia. Specifically, the Stafford Act emergency declaration authorized one form of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance: Public Assistance emergency protective measures (as authorized under Stafford Act Section 502). Subsequently, the President approved a major disaster declaration request under the Stafford Act for Florida on March 25, 2020. Under this declaration, FEMA may reimburse Sumter County for costs incurred while performing emergency protective measures.

The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management is the recipient of the award and serves as the pass-through entity to the County, the recipient of a sub-award for reimbursement of costs related to COVID-19 protective measures.

FEMA Clarifies Federal Cost Share for Public Assistance Program. FEMA Fact Sheet “Coordinating Public Assistance and Other Sources of Federal Funding” provides clear guidance on how FEMA will treat the multiple sources of funding as they relate to the public assistance program and its cost-share requirements.

To respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress authorized over \$3 trillion to multiple federal agencies to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in addressing the effects of the public health emergency pandemic. The extensive COVID-19 authority of other federal agencies, in some cases, overlaps with FEMA authority.

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Generally, funding from other federal agencies cannot be used to meet the FEMA public assistance non-federal cost-share requirement. For COVID-19, however, there are two exceptions:

- Department of Treasury's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Relief Fund
- Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Disaster Block Grant (CDBG-CV)

While cost-share requirements vary from agency-to-agency and program-to-program, many programs funded by the CARES Act and the other supplemental appropriations do not require a non-federal share.

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