



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2020 Council Approved Budget and Accept and Appropriate to the Grant Fund the "Parcel-Level" Green Infrastructure Solutions Grant Awarded By the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

One of the key recommendations of the Resilient Hampton initiative is to tackle coastal resiliency at multiple scales: the City, the neighborhood, and the individual parcel. Given the amount of land that is held by private owners at the individual parcel level, it makes sense that our efforts cannot be limited to large properties owned by the City or other public entities. To create real change, and a strong sense of ownership in the community, these individuals need to be engaged. To that end, staff is in the process of crafting a grant program that would support property owners implementing resilient practices on their property. These interventions may range from tree plantings and rain barrels to rain garden installation.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), an important partner in the City's resilience work, has provided \$70,000 as start-up funding to pilot this parcel grant program. Of that \$70,000, CBF has earmarked \$20,000 specifically for the City to pilot a grant for at least one commercial property to explore impacts on commercial properties as well as homeowners.

This grant does not involve federal funds and does not require a match from the City of Hampton.

Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton has been awarded the "Parcel-Level" Green Infrastructure Solutions Grant through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to pilot a recommendation from the Resilient Hampton initiative to create resilient solutions at the individual parcel scale;

WHEREAS, this Grant does not involve federal funds and does not require a match by the City of Hampton;

WHEREAS, the "Parcel-Level" Green Infrastructure Solutions Grant award is in the amount of \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, the Grant award covers the period of September 11, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2020 Council Approved Budget and accepts and appropriates the "Parcel-Level" Green Infrastructure Solutions Grant to the Grand Fund in the amount of \$70,000 , and any supplemental funding, awarded by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in accordance with the Grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take any and all necessary actions to implement this grant award.