



City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Rick Gierok, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 18, 2026

RE: Resolution Number 2026-52: Lake County Local Mitigation and Resilience Strategy Plan (LMS) Adoption

Introduction:

Resolution Number 2026-52 adopts the Lake County Local Mitigation and Resilience Strategy Plan. Within Lake County, the LMS assesses each jurisdiction's hazards and needs with the intent of dispersing funds as they become available. The adoption of this plan would allow the City of Eustis to participate in the LMS working group and be eligible for some of the funding as it becomes available.

Background:

By law, each county's LMS must be updated every five years. Lake County's LMS was recently updated. The plan is administered by Lake County Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division.

The plan was developed by the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group. The Working Group is comprised of representatives from various local government entities. Currently, Fire Chief Michael Swanson and Veronica Whetro are members of the Working Group. The LMS assesses each jurisdiction by individual hazards to better understand how vulnerable any given jurisdiction is to those hazards. The LMS identifies projects for potential funding that might help reduce vulnerability within each community. Projects are described and a prioritization score given to identify the most effective use of any available funding.

The City is required to pass a resolution formally adopting the Lake County Local Mitigation and Resilience Strategy Plan to ensure the City's eligibility through 2031 for funds received from the following FEMA programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommend adoption of Resolution Number 2026-52.

Policy Implications:

Approval of Resolution Number 2026-52 will enable the City of Eustis to be eligible through 2031 to Lake County to apply to the identified FEMA programs.

Disapproval of Resolution Number 2026-52 will mean the loss of eligibility to receive funds through any of the identified FEMA programs to assist the City of Eustis.

Alternatives:

1. Approve Resolution Number 2026-52
2. Disapprove Resolution Number 2026-52

Budget/Staff Impact:

No impact on budget or staff at this time.

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This adoption will be for future grant opportunities to the City of Eustis. Here's the attachment as a link for your review:

[Full Packet FINAL 2025 LMRS Plan.pdf](#)