



Meeting Name: Town Council Meeting
Meeting Date: March 26, 2025
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Item Title: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

DISCUSSION:

The Juno Beach Town Center and Police Department are protected by an emergency backup generator if commercial power is lost. This generator is nearly 20 years old and the replacement of it has been a topic of discussion for several years. This project is on the Town's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) list and has been approved by the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) which is a requirement for HMGP grants. A new grant opportunity is available for the Town to consider through the state of Florida. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Hurricane Helene will fund mitigation projects up to 75% with a 25% local match. The estimated cost of replacement for the generator is \$250,000, with the town's contribution being \$62,500 *if* the grant is received. The application deadline is July 25, 2025, with funding to be approved in 2026.

The Town has partnered with RMPK Funding for decades and they have secured millions of grant dollars for the Town. RMPK Funding is a local company that specializes in obtaining alternative funding for municipalities. Due to their vast knowledge and experience in grant writing and the application process, staff would recommend using the services they provide to apply for this mitigation grant. This is a competitive grant process and RMPK has always been able to position the Town in a way to earn the most points possible to successfully receive funding. The fee for RMPK to write and submit the grant application and partner with the Town through the application process is \$4,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Town Council consider a motion to enter into an agreement with RMPK Funding to complete the HMGP application process and forego the "3 quote process" as it is not practical or advantageous to the Town, in the amount of \$4,000 from contingency, and authorize the Town Manager to execute all grant documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

2025 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program- Hurricane Helene notification
RMPK Funding Estimate for Professional Services