



Agenda Item: Presentation of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Receivables and Projects Update

Background:

Galveston experiences flooding and wind-driven damage as a result of storms on a semi-regular basis. Some storms are declared a federal disaster based on monetary damage thresholds at the County level and the Park Board manages recovery and repair projects in response to those declared storms.

FEMA projects represent reimbursable expenses, requiring the Park Board to pay for work and provide proof before requesting reimbursement. This process must be closely tracked between departments, especially when managing significant outlays that require time for FEMA to complete due diligence. FEMA projects can span all funds, depending on applicable storm damage and disaster declarations.

The Park Board has a public assistance management agreement with consultant WSP USA (formerly The Louis Berger Group). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) manages the funding from FEMA for declared storms. Cohn Reznick is contracted by TDEM to assist with public assistance and auditing of claims by the applicants. The Park Board has a long-standing relationship with these entities and their staff. This team works together to garner the best outcome and recovery of funds.

The focus of this presentation will be on remaining receivables from Hurricane Ike (2008) and includes a projects update of work yet to be completed. Hurricanes Harvey and Laura were also declared storms that impacted Galveston. Hurricane Harvey (2017) garnered FEMA Project Worksheets (PWs) for all three engineered beaches. Hurricane Laura (2020) claims are still being developed and reviewed, which include beach and dune damage at Dellanera RV Park.

Potential reimbursements are subject to change after state and federal review. Inevitably, some expenses are ruled ineligible for reimbursement by FEMA. TDEM has indicated that they are working diligently to support and recommend reimbursement from FEMA to the Park Board. This work includes opportunities to substantiate disallowed costs. Additionally, reimbursement requests are subject to lengthy FEMA timelines.

As of September 30, 2022, the FY reimbursements were positive for Hurricane Ike. Outside of beach projects, the FY2022 budget projected \$1,076,784 in FEMA receivables related to Hurricane Ike. By the close of the FY, \$931,320.36 were received. This leaves a difference of \$145,463.64. Overall, the potential remaining receivable from Ike related projects is approximately \$2.9M.

Remaining projects are focused on work at Seawolf Park and will be eligible for reimbursement after completing the work and submitting reimbursement requests and documentation.

Staff Recommendation:

There are no staff recommendations for this agenda item.

FUND	PW	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FY 21-22 BUDGETED RECEIVABLES	FY 21-22 RECEIVED	FY 21-22 OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLE	NOTES
BC	14277	Park Board ATV & Club Cars	\$0.00	\$51,021.00	\$51,021.00	
BC	14524	Rolling Stock and Heavy Equip.	\$123,472.00	\$137,190.60	\$13,718.60	
DP	8409	Seascape & Dellanera Beaches	\$177,063.00	\$0.00	(\$177,063.00)	In FEMA step 13 of 17, no indication of how long it will
DP	14051	Dellanera RV Park Site Utilities	\$292,676.00	\$120,899.44	(\$171,776.56)	Budget timing: \$131,756.39 received end of FY 21
DP	14515	Dellanera Building Damage	\$0.00	\$21,364.46	\$21,364.46	
RA	14274	AP East Beach (Big Reef)	\$5,551.00	\$1,313.93	(\$4,237.07)	DAC
RA	14612	Apffel Park Pavilion Replacement	\$127,766.00	\$392,053.57	\$264,287.57	
SB	14367	Stewart Beach Building Damage	\$21,461.00	\$23,845.66	\$2,384.66	
SB	14425	Stewart Beach, Site	\$8,828.00	\$0.00	(\$8,828.00)	DAC: in 1st appeal
SB	14653	AP Stewart Beach (SW Ticket Booth)	\$20,132.00	\$16,852.66	(\$3,279.34)	\$5,516.72 FEMA reduction for SW PW 14613 taken
SW	1657	USS Stewart moorings (righting complete)	\$116,495.00	\$0.00	(\$116,495.00)	Minimal work in 2022 with no RFR's submitted
SW	14510	AP Pavilion (Bulkhead rip rap regulatory work)	\$124,528.00	\$156,383.25	\$31,855.25	
SW	14613	Park Site Restoration (apron remain)	\$21,013.00	\$6,267.47	(\$14,745.53)	DAC: in 1st appeal
SW	14644	Cavalla Repairs (painting)	\$4,815.00	\$4,128.32	(\$686.68)	DAC: in 1st appeal
SW	14646	AP Fishing Pier Extension	\$32,984.00	\$0.00	(\$32,984.00)	Internal work in 2022 with not RFR's submitted
TOTAL W/O BEACH PROJECTS			\$1,076,784.00	\$931,320.36	(\$145,463.64)	