

**DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO: 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR A LIBRARY HARDENING AND GENERATOR PROJECT LOCATED AT 125 NORTH HILLSBOROUGH AVE., ARCADIA, FLORIDA, ADMINISTERED BY THE FLORIDA COMMERCE, INCLUDING ALL APPLICATIONS AND GRANT AWARDS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the DeSoto County Library serves as a public building connecting citizens with information, and has also served to house the National Guard, FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), and provided a connection point for many FEMA workers; and

**WHEREAS**, many citizens utilize the County Library following emergency and disaster events to avail themselves of the library's computers in order to file claims, and to print and scan documents to support their claims; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is in need of funding to reduce the County Library's vulnerability to hurricane-related hazards, including high winds and extended power outages, by installing hurricane impact-resistant windows and doors and a permanent backup generator; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned improvements will protect the building envelope from high winds and debris while ensuring continuity of operations during power outages, while also enabling the library to function as a comfort station and communication center for displaced residents, allowing uninterrupted access to essential services and support; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery project would improve the resilience and continuity of operations of the County Library, a critical community facility that supports disaster response and recovery efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**SECTION 1.** The Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program (HMGMP) is administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) is administered by Florida Commerce.

**SECTION 2.** Applications are being made under the HMGMP Programs using CDBG-DR for match for the mitigation of various County properties to help harden the facilities toward any future natural disasters.

**SECTION 3.** The County Commission hereby delegates authority to the County Administrator to sign all necessary certifications and related documents for the CDBG-DR Program administered by Florida Commerce for the application and grant award.

**SECTION 4.** The County Administrator is authorized and directed to submit all additional information and required reports and other such administrative requirements in a timely manner as may be required by Florida Commerce.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

**ATTEST:**

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Mandy Hines  
County Administrator

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Steve Hickox  
Chairman

Approved as to form and  
Legal sufficiency:

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Valerie Vicente, County Attorney