

**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 FIRE STATION SAFE ROOM LOCATED AT 25 EAST CYPRESS STREET, ARCADIA, FL 34266, ADMINISTERED BY THE FLORIDA COMMERCE, INCLUDING ALL APPLICATIONS AND GRANT AWARDS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, DeSoto County (the "County") provides essential emergency response services and must ensure continuity of operations during disaster events; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is in need of a FEMA-compliant safe room at Fire Station No. 1 to protect first responders and support uninterrupted emergency operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed safe room will provide near-absolute protection from extreme wind events, including hurricanes and tornadoes; and

**WHEREAS**, the County lacks sufficient local resources to address this need without grant assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, therefore, seeks funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program administered by Florida Division of Emergency Management, with matching funds from the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program administered by FloridaCommerce.

**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