

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) purpose is to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability and support community resilience. The Brooksville Fire Department was awarded the FY 2020 AFG Grant in the amount of \$31,153.33 in Federal funding to purchase P-25 (interoperability) compliant portable radios allowing the department to work in conjunction with other agencies through radio communications, making the department fully compliant with the State mandated P-25 compliance for all emergency response agencies.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant purpose is to provide financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments and other fire related organizations for fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. The Brooksville Fire Department was awarded the FY 202 FP&S Grant in the amount of \$9,523.81 in Federal funding to purchase 500 smoke detectors to enhance the department's Community Risk Reduction Program to equip low income households targeting high-risk seniors and mobile home parks. The department will conduct door-to-door installation and provide home safety inspections for the targeted audience through this campaign.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant Program provides funding for prevention, preparation and response to the Coronavirus. The City was awarded \$50,000 for the purchase of equipment and supplies to enhance the COVID prevention efforts, decontamination misters, computers and software to facilitate virtual meetings. The Fifth Judicial Circuit Court did not receive an allocation and therefore requested a portion of the City's allocation. The City Council approved the funding application on July 20, 2020, which included the Court's request of \$7,910.00 for the purchase of disposable masks, hand sanitizer, sign stanchions, crowd control stanchions, and non-contact thermometers.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Residual Grant Program utilized leftover funds from the initial CESF program and provides funding for prevention, preparation and response to the Coronavirus. The City was awarded \$40,237.00 for the purchase of telecommunications/computer equipment to facilitate remote and virtual work for staff and Council.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant provides grants, subject to legislative appropriation, to local governmental entities for acquisition and development of land for public outdoor recreation use or to construct recreational trails. The Brooksville Parks & Recreation Department received an award in the amount of \$112,500.00 for the renovation/replacement of the playground at Tom Varn Park.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Statewide Surface Water Restoration and Wastewater Projects Grant (Legislative

Appropriations) provides funding for water quality improvement and water restoration projects that 1) protect health and the environment, or 2) implement plans developed pursuant to the Surface Water Improvement and Management Act created in part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., other water restoration plans required by law, management plans prepared pursuant to s. 403.067, F.S., or other plans adopted by local governments for water quality improvement and water restoration, or 3) improve the quality or quantity of water resources, or 4) as otherwise determined by the Legislature.

Through the efforts of our State Representatives the City received the following awards facilitated through the above grant program:

- **Cascades Reuse** - \$150,000 (50% of the estimated project costs) to assist the City in the construction of a reuse water line to the Cascades Residential Development.
- **Lamar Water Treatment Plant** - \$175,000 (50% of the estimated project costs) to remove and replace the existing water treatment plan building on Lamar Ave.
- **Sewer Rehab Phase IV** - \$360,000 (50% of the match required for the State Revolving Fund Loan) for the 4th phase of rehabilitation of the sewer system intends to correct aging infrastructure deficiencies in the City's sanitary sewer collection system as necessary to reinstate the capacity and performance of the system.
- **Brooksville Stormwater/Sanitary System Water Quality Improvements** - \$387,500 (50% of the estimated project costs) to ensure only clean stormwater run-off be discharged to the receiving waters, and the treatment of sanitary sewer is completed to the highest standards, through the purchase of two Jetter Vac trucks to be utilized in the cleaning of our Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer systems

Florida Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan for Point Source Water Pollution Control provides low-interest loans to local governments to plan, design, and build or upgrade wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source pollution prevention projects. The City was awarded a loan in the amount of \$3,600,000, which includes \$2,880,000 in principal forgiveness for the 4th phase of rehabilitation of the sewer system which intends to correct aging infrastructure deficiencies in the City's sanitary sewer collection system as necessary to reinstate the capacity and performance of the system.

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funds can be used to respond to acute pandemic response needs, fill revenue shortfalls among these governments, and support the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis. ARPA requires that Fiscal Recovery Funds may only be used to cover expenses incurred by the non-entitlement unit of local government by December 31, 2024, such as:

- to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses,

and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

- to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the non-entitlement unit of local government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such non-entitlement unit of local government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the non-entitlement unit of local government;
- or
- to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

The City of Brooksville is currently priority project list includes critical infrastructure projects, parks and recreation facility upgrades, premium pay for employees and revenue replacement (loss of revenue due to the pandemic).

Hernando County Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Funding Program allows state and local governments to make payments for programs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment [March 27, 2020] of this section for the State or government; and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020. The City was awarded \$215,288.69 for the purchase of equipment, supplies to enhance the COVID prevention efforts, decontamination misters, payroll loss due to COVID, computers and software to facilitate virtual meetings.