



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: September 17, 2020

### **Mission Statement:**

*To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.*

### **1. Management / Operations**

#### a. Budget

- February, March, April, May, June, and July financials
- New Revenues since FY 20-21 Budget was adopted
  - Heathy Cities/Healthy Counties Grant - \$100,000
  - EDA CARES Act COVID 19 Economic Recovery - \$400,000
  - Hurricane Evacuation Update Study - \$60,000
  - CHNEP Website Development for ABM - \$3,000

### **2. Resource Development and Capacity Building**

- Building Resilient Kids Conference Cancelled due to COVID 19
- Status of Office move
  - New Address: P.O. Box 60933, Ft. Myers FL, 33906
  - Phone: 844-988-8244
- Kick-off Conference for two projects
- Marketing and Branding Project for Small Growers in Southwest Florida
- Promise Zone Grants (as of August 28, 2020) See Attached Document
  - Awarded: \$2,916,466
  - Pending: \$4,856,399
  - Denied: \$4,844,826.46
  - Underdevelopment: \$700,000 (for Harlem Waterline -CDBG)
- 2019-2020 RPC Meeting schedule
- FRCA Monthly Reports (Information Only)

### **3. Third Quarter July - September 2020**

#### **Grants Awarded: - \$897,500**

- ✓ USDA REDI for technical assistance to Promise Zone- Extended until September 2021
- ✓ EDA CEDS Planning Grant - \$300,000
- ✓ DEO FHERO RDG Grant \$97,500
- ✓ Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge - \$100,000
- ✓ EDA CARES Act COVID 19 Recovery - \$400,000

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**Grants Under Development: \$700,000**

- ✓ CDBG- \$700,000 to replace a waterline in the Harlem Community. This Application is being prepared for the City of Clewiston

**Grants Pending: -\$4,531,337**

- ✓ \$143,306 -An application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida CDBG-Mitigation Critical Facility Hardening Program for the City of Clewiston to replace transmission line insulators and overhead ground wires to increase the City's energy resiliency in the event of a major storm.
- ✓ \$3,141,031- An application for the City of Clewiston for the DEO CDBG-DR Infrastructure Repair Program Cycle 2 to make upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment facility. Facility upgrades will include the installation of a new 300kw generator, the installation of bypass pumps, and the planning and installation of a new pump station.
- ✓ \$175,000 for the Clewiston Waterfront Master Plan from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – Boating Improvement Program.
- ✓ \$390,000 - An application was prepared in partnership with the University of Florida IFAS to the Department of Economic Opportunity CDBG-Mitigation Planning program to develop a Resiliency Strategy for Local Food Systems in Southwest Florida.
- ✓ \$682,000 CDBG-MIT GIP Program for the City of Clewiston to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program to storm harden portions of its transmission and distribution lines, therefore increasing energy resiliency in the community.