RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 081

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) GRANT PROGRAM TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA); AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE APPLICATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FY 2008 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program is intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. Funds are provided per Section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-53); and

WHEREAS, fully capable emergency operations facilities at the State, local, and tribal levels are an essential element of a comprehensive national emergency management system and are necessary to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters caused by any hazard; and

WHEREAS, \$14,572,500 is available for grants for construction or renovation of a State, local, or tribal government's principal Emergency Operations Center (EOC); and

WHEREAS, EOCs may request up to \$1,000,000 for construction projects; and

WHEREAS, The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only eligible entity able to apply for the available funding on behalf of qualified State, local, and tribal EOCs; and

WHEREAS, In FY 2008, the EOC Grant Program has a 75 percent Federal and 25 percent grantee cost share cash or in-kind match requirement.

WHEREAS, The period of performance for the FY 2008 EOC Grant Program funds is 36 months. Any unobligated funds will be de-obligated by FEMA at the end of this period. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justifications for an extension.

WHEREAS, the Town's internal grant policy requires the Town Council's authorization prior to the submission of any grant application; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution seeks to comply with the Town's internal grant policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined it to be in the best interest in the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches to apply for this grant opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1: Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: Approval. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby ratify and authorize the submission of the grant application to FEMA before the grant deadline of July 28, 2008.

Section 3: Authorization. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby authorize its Town Administrator or designee to transmit the applicable grant application, attend all necessary meetings, and coordinate the execution of final grant agreements, if any, between the parties.

Section 4: Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 10th day of July, 2008, on a motion by Council Member Aster Knight and seconded by Council Member Don Maines

Fink	Y	Ayes	5
Nelson	Y	Nays	0
Breitkreuz	Y	Absent	0
Knight	Y	Abstaining	0
Maines		3	

[SIGNAUTRES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan A. Owens, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney

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