



Charlotte County  
Grant Administrative Approval

**Department Making Request:**

Administration

**Grant Coordinator Assigned:** Mark Snow

**Fiscal Contact Assigned:** Mark Snow

**Requested Action:**

Requesting County Administrator approval of grant agreement between US Department of Environmental Protection Agency and Charlotte County in the amount of \$1,819,600 for water quality initiatives. Board ratification of agreement will be requested on 3/14/2023.

**Is this item budgeted?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Budget Action:**

No budget action. A Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$1,819,600 will be submitted to the BCC on 3/14/2023 for approval. Funding for this expenditure will be budgeted in the Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership fund within various line items. There is no local match required.

**Background: (Why is the Action Necessary, and What Action will be accomplished)**

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (P.L. 117-58), also known as the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021" (IIJA) or "BIL." The law's investment in water is nothing short of transformational. It includes \$50 billion to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for water infrastructure, the single largest investment in water that the federal government has ever made. CHNEP's EPA grant aligns with these County strategic priorities - healthy community; environmental stewardship; protection of natural resources; citizen engagement.

The CHNEP FY22 & FY23 BIL Work Plan Focuses on Water Quality, Hydrologic Restoration, Fish & Wildlife Habitat Protection, and Public Engagement. The EPA BIL grant funds CHNEP efforts in each of the focus areas.

CHNEP funding leverages and complements local efforts.

**Grant Checklist Attached?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Risk Assessment Attached?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Delegation Resolution Attached?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Signatures:**

County Administrator \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director

Claire Jubb

Fiscal Services

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County Attorney

*Janette S. Knowlton*

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Grant Compliance

James Gentile

Date: 10/19/2022

Date: 2/13/2023

Date: 2/17/23

Date: 2/9/2023

**ATTEST:**

Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit Court and  
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk