

U. S. Treasury re RESTORE Act:

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**Subject:** RE: RESTORE Act (FL Counties)

All...not sure if you have the Treasury RESTORE Act website, but here it is. You can find the Act, Rules, \$ Allocations and guidance documents.

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All...Here are the guidance documents for the RESTORE Grant Program. We'll have to get together and develop how the County should approach the program now that we have some certainty of the grant requirements. I will need to put a work plan in place to begin implementation. Stay tuned!

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Massive effort ahead of us!! Final guidance from Treasury as to how RESTORE will be implemented. I will need to digest and provide you and Leo a 1-pager brief.

Also, I am preparing the following for 9/9 BCC meeting consent. Scott Stone is drafting the Reso and is reviewing the ES.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Recommendation to approve a Resolution authorizing the County Manager to designate an official to provide signatory authorization for Resources and Ecosystem Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States (RESTORE) Grants.**

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**OBJECTIVE:** To receive delegation of authority from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the County Manager to designate an official to sign and authorize RESTORE Program grants.

**CONSIDERATIONS:** Collier County has been identified as one of 23 Florida Gulf coastal counties to be impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill of April 2010, and is therefore eligible to receive grant funding through the federal RESTORE Act. The amount of funding may be significant, but depends on civil penalties yet to be settled with parties determined responsible for the accident. The funding estimate for Collier County is between \$5 million and \$20 million. On August 15, 2014, the U.S. Treasury Department has published an interim final rule to administer the grant program. Comments are due within 30 days of the date of publication and the Interim Rule would become final 60 days (est. October 15, 2014) after publication.

In anticipation of the final rule, the Treasury Department has requested the County to provide individuals who will be responsible for entering/submitting and authorizing grant applications in the *GrantSolutions* online grant application and management system managed by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. GrantSolutions.gov is a web-based system through which applications will be submitted and awards will be managed for the RESTORE Act grants. Staff has already provided Treasury with individuals who do not need BCC authorization.

The Authorizing Official who is responsible for signatory authority for grants must be the BCC or the BCC's designee adopted by Resolution. Staff has prepared the attached Resolution to allow the Authorizing Official be the County Manager's designee on behalf of the BCC.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact with this action.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPACT:** There is no growth management impact with this action.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommendation to approve a Resolution authorizing the County Manager to designate an official to provide signatory authorization for RESTORE Grants.

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Attachments: 1) Resolution

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Dear RESTORE Act Representatives for Florida Counties:

We are pleased to inform you that today the Department of the Treasury interim final rule implementing the RESTORE Act was published in the Federal Register. The Department of the Treasury is responsible for implementing the grant programs for the Direct Component and the Centers of Excellence. An introductory letter, the guidance document for Direct Component, multiyear implementation plan and Operational Self-Assessment forms are attached and also can be found on the Treasury website.

We look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Laurie McGilvray at [Laurie.McGilvray@treasury.gov](mailto:Laurie.McGilvray@treasury.gov) 202-622-7340.

Sincerely,

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