



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2024

TO: KDH Board of Commissioners

FROM: Debora P. Díaz, Town Manager 

REF: Town Manager's Agenda

1. Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund Application Process

The State of North Carolina established a Coastal Storm Mitigation Fund (CSMF) to assist in addressing the unique issues faced by coastal communities. Along with the other Dare County localities, Kill Devil Hills has taken advantage of this program to pursue grant opportunities to offset the costs of Beach Erosion Control and Flood and Hurricane Protection Works projects (beach nourishment programs). The towns and Dare County have successfully partnered and coordinated the financing and logistics aspects of the multiple beach nourishment programs, which have resulted in substantial savings because of cost sharing, coordinated project timelines, and overall economies of scale for these efforts. Our partnership with Dare County and the other towns works well, directly benefiting and resulting in savings for Kill Devil Hills residents and property owners.

Following recent discussions between the town and county managers, an additional step to more efficiently coordinate CSMF funding would be for Dare County to manage the grant applications on behalf of the entire group for this biennial budget cycle, with up to \$10 million in grant funding available in each this year and the next. Ken Willson, Senior Project / Program Manager of Coastal Protection Engineering, has noted that it is unlikely we would receive the entire \$10 million; however, any grant award would further sustain our local beach nourishment funding model.

Staff recommends and requests Board approval to authorize Dare County to pursue Coastal Storm Mitigation Fund grant funding for this biennial budget cycle.