

AGENDA SUMMARY
GRAND COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2022

TITLE:	Authorizing the Emergency Expenditure of Transient Room Tax Funds for Flood Relief Assistance
FISCAL IMPACT:	\$250,000 from Transient Room Tax Fund Balance
PRESENTER(S):	Chris Baird, Strategic Development Director August Granath, Economic Development Director Ben Alter, Economic Development Specialist

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Attorney Review:

Yes

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to approve the emergency allocation of \$250,000 from the transient room tax fund balance for the purposes of local flood relief as per the attached Emergency Flood Relief Grant Program Proposal, appoint _____ to serve on the approval committee, and authorize the Chair to sign and finalize all grants as approved by the committee.

BACKGROUND:

As a result of the flood of August 20, 2022, businesses experienced widespread damage. The damage wrought on private and public property triggered an emergency declaration at the city and county levels. Prior to this disaster, the Moab area was already experiencing an economic downturn; hotel occupancy rates, spending by domestic travelers, local national parks visitation, and subsequent tax collections have all decreased year-over-year and have fallen below projected trends.

With direction and oversight from Commission Chair Jacques Hadler and Strategic Development Director Chris Baird, the Economic Development Department has created a fast-acting grant program intended to provide relief funds to businesses affected by Mill Creek flooding.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Emergency Flood Relief Grant Program Proposal