

COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



Meeting Date: December 14, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
From: George Garrett, City Manager

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2021-122**, Approval Of A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Marathon, Florida, Respectfully Urging The Florida Legislature To Appropriate Funds To Assist The Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc., A Florida Not For Profit Corporation Located In Monroe County To Rebuild Its Facility That Was Damaged In Hurricane Irma; And Directing The Clerk To Forward Copies Of The Resolution To The City Of Marathon’s Legislative Delegation

BACKGROUND

The Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc., (“DAS”) is a Florida Not for Profit Corporation located in Marathon, Florida. DAS has operated the only state certified domestic violence center in Marathon for the past 40 years. DAS provides refuge and shelter to victims of domestic violence who are unable to safely reside in their homes. DAS’s 25 bed facility was destroyed in Hurricane Irma in 2017. The destruction of the shelter has prevented DAS from providing the necessary beds to keep domestic abuse survivors and their families safe. The City of Marathon Legislative Delegation has agreed to sponsor an appropriations request that, if granted, would fund the reconstruction of the 25-bed facility for the benefit of domestic abuse survivors and their families who live in Monroe County.

City staff strongly support the efforts of the City’s Legislative Delegation to acquire State funding for this most worthy endeavor.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No
1. Comprehensive Plan	_____	_X_
2. Other – 2010 Sewer Mandate	_____	_X_

FISCAL NOTE:

NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2021-122**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, RESPECTFULLY URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER, INC., A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION LOCATED IN MONROE COUNTY TO REBUILD ITS FACILITY THAT WAS DAMAGED IN HURRICANE IRMA; AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO FORWARD COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF MARATHON'S LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

WHEREAS, the Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc., ("DAS") is a Florida Not for Profit Corporation located in Marathon, Florida; and

WHEREAS, DAS has operated the only state certified domestic violence center in Marathon for the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, DAS provides refuge and shelter to victims of domestic violence who are unable to safely reside in their homes; and

WHEREAS, DAS's 25 bed facility was destroyed in Hurricane Irma in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the destruction of the shelter has prevented DAS from providing the necessary beds to keep domestic abuse survivors and their families safe; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon Legislative Delegation has agreed to sponsor an appropriations request that, if granted, would fund the reconstruction of the 25-bed facility for the benefit of domestic abuse survivors and their families who live in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Council strongly supports the efforts of the City's Legislative Delegation to acquire State funding for this most worthy endeavor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Council expresses its strong support for the appropriations request of Senator Ana Marie Rodriguez and Representative Jim Mooney to fund the reconstruction of Monroe County's only Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Section 3. The Clerk is directed to send electronic copies of this resolution to the City of Marathon Legislative Delegation.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 14th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Mayor John Bartus

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:

Steve Williams, City Attorney