



Village of *Indiantown* **News Release**

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Indiantown Awarded \$50,000 Grant to Complete Stormwater Plan

DEO announces Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant

Indiantown, FL – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) awarded the Village of Indiantown a \$50,000 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to complete the second phase of their stormwater master plan. The Village must complete the work by July 1, 2021, to meet grant requirements.

The Village completed the first phase of its Stormwater Master Plan in late 2019. The grant comes just as the Village is about to begin work on phase two.

“This grant will help us analyze and develop a comprehensive plan to correct flooding problems throughout the Village,” said Village Manager Howard W. Brown, Jr. “The timing is perfect as we are beginning work on the second phase now.”

When the Village incorporated in 2017, no previously recorded study of stormwater control systems existed. Such a study would have included swales, or the direction of water flow in heavy rains, and potential bottlenecks blocking stormwater drainage. Phase one of the stormwater plan examined existing stormwater control systems in swales, identified deficiencies, and established flood-prone areas. The second phase will analyze vulnerabilities, identified in phase one, and develop plans to correct deficiencies.

During the studies initial phase, SW Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive was identified in need of immediate attention. Anticipating this need, the Village obtained a \$2 million boost through the Florida House Appropriations Bill (HB5001) to fund repairs and upgrades within the flood prone area. With this grant the Village plans to develop a comprehensive approach to resolve flooding along Dr. MLK Drive.

The \$50K DEO grant is part of a \$1 million state program to help 22 communities and regional planning councils. The grants ranged from \$10,000 to \$50,690.

For information on the grant program, please visit the [DEO's CPTA Grant page](#). For more information on the grant awards, please visit [Governor Ron DeSantis's Grant Recipient Announcement](#).

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Indiantown is a rural community in Florida's Treasure Coast. First established in the early 1900s, then incorporated on December 31, 2017, Florida's youngest municipality hosts a diverse population of roughly 6,000 residents. While it may be small, its resident engagement is exemplary and its potential for community building and new business opportunity is large. The Village mission seeks to enable economic prosperity and business while building pride and cohesion through hands-on self-governance.

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