



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#19-0108**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** January 22, 2019

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve Approving Grant Application – Broward County  
Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Program - \$137,424

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the submission of a grant application under the Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant Program.

**Background**

The Broward County Marine Advisory Committee is accepting grant proposals for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant (EMLEG) Program. The purpose of the EMLEG Program is to improve boating safety in Broward County by enhancing or supplementing marine law enforcement activities and improving boating safety education. This request is for authorization to apply for EMLEG funds. If awarded, grant funds will be used to assist in enforcement activities on the City's waterways through the provision of 2,944 hours of additional waterway law enforcement patrols. Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant funding allows the Department to schedule Marine Unit officers to work evening shifts at a reduced cost to the City. Absent EMLEG funding, the Department would be unable to schedule Marine Unit personnel during evening shifts.

Although the grantor does not require a cash match, the program's reimbursement rate of \$46 per hour will not cover all associated staffing costs including overtime salary rates and FICA costs of approximately \$87,015.60. The Department normally obtains the additional funds necessary to support the EMLEG award during the City's annual budget process.

The grant application deadline is January 21, 2019 and a motion supporting the funding request must accompany the application submittal. The proposed grant project period is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no funding impact to the City in FY2019. In FY2020, there is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$137,424. Although the grantor does not require a cash match, if all 2,944 hours are worked under the grant during FY2020, there will be an estimated cost to the City of \$87,015.60.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

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