



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CRA BOARD MEETING

#13-1572

TO: CRA Chairman & Board of Directors
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

DATE: December 17, 2013

TITLE: Motion to Approve Matching Funding of Phase I-A for Design and Permitting for Dredging Access From the Intracoastal Waterway to the Bahia Mar Yachting Center, the Aquatics Complex and the Las Olas Marina for a Total Amount of \$298,252

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Directors approve the funding of Phase I-A for design and permitting for dredging access from the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) to the Bahia Mar Yachting Center, the Aquatics Complex and the Las Olas Marina for a total amount of \$298,252.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) will dredge the ICW to a depth of 17 feet (Mean Low Water) beginning in late Spring 2014 from Port Everglades to approximately 5,000 feet north of the Las Olas Bridge to accommodate larger vessels that in the past have not been able to access this portion of the ICW. The project is expected to take approximately 18 months.

FIND's plan was presented to the City Commission in March 2010, along with FIND dredging grant opportunities to dredge connections to public waterfront properties at a depth of 17 feet to the newly-deepened ICW. The City applied for and was awarded funding for two grants – one for the design and permitting of dredging to connect the Las Olas Marina and the Fort Lauderdale Aquatics Complex to the ICW in the amount of \$258,898, and a second for the design and permitting of dredging to connect the Las Olas Marina to the ICW for \$206,543. All three sites are within the Beach Community Redevelopment Area. Both grants require matching contributions in the amounts of \$207,791 and \$90,461, respectively, therefore requiring a total City match of \$298,252.

There are two associated CAMs that will be on the January 7, 2014 City Commission Regular Agenda to accept the FIND grant awards and to execute the project agreements.

At the March 18, 2013 Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB) meeting the board unanimously recommended approval to fund the request for matching grants to fund the dredging projects in the amount of \$298,252.

The funding of the proposed projects is in furtherance of the Beach Community Redevelopment Plan, as the projects meet the goal of revitalizing the Central Beach Area by accommodating larger vessels and thereby maintaining and expanding the viability of public marinas within the Beach Community Redevelopment Area.

Resource Impact:

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:

FUND	INDEX	SUB OBJECT	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
331	FD106.01	N/A	N/A	\$298,252
TOTAL				\$298,252

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in the **Business Development Cylinder of Excellence**;

- **Goal 7:** Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, ports and rail connections;
- **Objective 1:** Define, cultivate and attract targeted and emerging industries;
- **Objective 2:** Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

This item is in furtherance of the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Statement ***We Are Prosperous*** by ensuring that boats, yachts, mega yachts and super yachts can safely navigate the sufficiently dredged Intracoastal Waterway.

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