



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

#25-0257

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: March 18, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving Grant Application to the FY 2025-2026 Florida Inland
Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program - \$97,692 -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the submission of a grant application under the FY 2025-2026 Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Program.

Background

The grant provides funding assistance to local governments to perform waterway improvement projects. The program will also fund 50% of projects that target waterway safety programs and equipment. The grant period is October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will request one set of outboard motors for a total project cost of \$97,692 to replace old and malfunctioning engines. The requested engines will allow the police marine unit to positively contribute to the overall improvement of boating safety by facilitating additional opportunities for our officers to make contact with citizens who use the waterways; to provide boater safety information to citizens; to provide area checks of key marine locations; to make vessels stops and/or conduct additional safety inspections of vessels; to issue warnings and citations for noted violations; and to prevent boating accidents through high visibility patrol activities.

As a result of the program's matching component, if awarded, the grant will fund \$48,846 and the City will match with \$48,846. The Department is requesting that funds for the required match be budgeted in General Funds Matching Account. The FIND program application process requires all applicants to obtain approval from its governing board or commission via the submission of an official resolution.

Resource Impact

The total project cost is \$97,692. There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$48,846. Full implementation of the grant will require the City to budget \$48,846 in the General Fund in FY 2026 (10-001-9200-581-90-9129).

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2025 Commission* Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety Element
- Goal 4: Coordinate with related partners and agencies (at city, local, county, regional, state, and federal levels) to plan for disaster and emergency management, further the resiliency of coastal areas, and ensure city-wide community health and safety.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – FIND Grant Application

Exhibit 2 – Resolution for Assistance 2025 Under the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program

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