



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0058

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: January 6, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Delegating the City Manager the Authority to Execute a Project Agreement (BR-FL-25-171) with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for a Grant of up to \$4,020,769 for Replacement and Construction of the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Seawall - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Project Agreement (BR-FL-25-171) between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND). The agreement provides funding from FIND in the amount of up to \$4,020,769, but in no event more than fifty percent (50%) of the City's out of pocket costs ("Project Amount"), for the replacement and construction of the International Swimming Hall of Fame peninsula seawall. This grant requires a funding match of fifty percent (50%), which is being provided by Hall of Fame Partners, LLC. (HOFP) through the project fund pursuant to the Comprehensive Agreement with Hall of Fame Partners, LLC. The Comprehensive Agreement, as executed, defines allowable project funding sources. As such, a Comprehensive Agreement amendment is being presented to the City Commission at the January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting (CAM #25-1184) to allow for grant funds to be an allowable funding source, among other modifications.

Background

FIND administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) and provides funding assistance to local governments within the district to provide public access to the district's waterways. The City Commission approved applying for this grant on April 1, 2025 (CAM #25-0396).

The City of Fort Lauderdale and HOFP entered into a comprehensive agreement in 2023 for the construction, maintenance and operation of the East and West buildings at the International Swimming Hall of Fame Complex. The project was split into four (4) separate phases:

- Phase 1 - Replacement of the peninsula seawall and the design and construction of the Ocean Rescue Headquarters;
- Phase 2 - The design and construction of the West building and the ground level promenade;
- Phase 3 - The design and construction of the East building; and
- Phase 4 - Dock work and general site improvements.

HOFP identified grant funding opportunities that would reduce the total project costs. The City received notification of the FIND grant award in October 2025. The City was awarded a second FIND grant for the same project but for promenade and dock improvements, which is also being presented to the City Commission for consideration at the January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting (CAM #25-0056).

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact for the City in the amount of \$4,020,769, reducing the cost of the International Swimming Hall of Fame project, with a match of \$4,020,769 coming from the HOFP project fund, which will be appropriated to the accounts below contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #25-1157) on January 6, 2026.

Source:

Funds available as of December 18, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-334-390-P13060A	International Hall of Fame Seawall Construction/ Replacement Grant	State Grant - Other Physical Environment	N/A	N/A	\$4,020,769
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL →	\$4,020,769

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-60-6599-P13060A	International Hall of Fame Seawall Construction/ Replacement Grant	Capital Outlay/ Construction	N/A	N/A	\$4,020,769
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL →	\$4,020,769

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

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.

Related CAMs

25-1157

25-1184

26-0056

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Project Agreement ICW-BR-FL-25-171

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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