



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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: November 19, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Broward County under their Broward Boating Improvement Program for Grant Funding of \$50,000 for Future Derelict Vessel Removal – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement for a non-matching, reimbursable grant of \$50,000 under the County’s Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP) for the removal of future derelict vessels. There is no required match for this grant.

Background

On occasion, the City responds to a complaint regarding an abandoned boat or derelict vessel. Many times, the vessel has sunk and is a navigational hazard or an environmental hazard to the City’s Waterways. As these situations arise, the City will gather bids for the salvage and disposal of these vessels and after the fact, seek grant assistance. The Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP) has reimbursable grant funding available for up to \$50,000 for the purpose of removing derelict vessels from the County’s waterways.

The BBIP grant works differently than other grants in that it creates a line of credit which reimburses 100% of the expenses associated with the salvage and disposal of qualifying derelict vessels by drawing down the funds awarded over the four-year life of the grant. If the funds are exhausted in less than four years, the City can reapply to receive additional funding for another four-year term. The City was awarded this grant in 2014 and 2018 and has been able to use \$16,220 for the salvage and disposal of seven (7) derelict vessels.

If awarded in 2025, this grant period will be four (4) years.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$50,000 in FY2025.

<i>Funds available as of November 6, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-529-337-204-25GBBIP	BBIP Derelict Vessel Removal FY25	County – BBIP Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL	\$50,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2024 Commission Priority advancing the Public Places initiative.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2029*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Broward Boating Improvement Program Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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