



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0773

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: Aug 22, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply to the Broward Boating Improvement Program for Grant Funding of \$50,000 for Future Derelict Vessel Removal – **(Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a non-matching, reimbursable grant of \$50,000 to the 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 abandon 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 Fund (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 has been able to use \$16,220 for the salvage and disposal of seven derelict vessels.

If awarded in 2024, this grant period will be four years.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant application. The grant will be brought back to the City Commission for execution and appropriation if awarded.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2023 Top Commission Priority advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

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 – Derelict Vessel Grant Application

Exhibit 2 – Grant Pre-Application

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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