



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

#24-0698

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2024

TITLE: Motion Accepting Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for the
Middle River Water Quality Improvement Project - \$300,000 -
(Commission District 2)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission accept a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in the amount of \$300,000, through the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Wilton Manors (Wilton Manors) and the City of Oakland Park (Oakland Park), for participation in the Middle River Quality Improvement Project (Project).

Background

On May 2, 2023, the City Commission approved an ILA (CAM 23-0392) between the City, Wilton Manors, and Oakland Park to apply for an EPA Community Grant (Grant) for the Project. The Grant funds will be used within the Project for eligible project planning and design to provide drinking water, wastewater, stormwater infrastructure, and water quality protection. The fully executed ILA defines the terms and conditions of the partnership, including funding assignments, which are to be evenly distributed between the three (3) municipalities.

The City's Dolphin Isles B-14 Sewer Basin Rehabilitation Project is within the Middle River Basin and the City seeks to use the Grant for the rehabilitation of the B-14 sewer basin. The City has identified this sanitary sewer basin as needing remediation to reduce the inflow and infiltration of ground water into our sanitary system, which occurs due to intense seasonal rainfall events and it being an area with a high tidally influenced ground water table. This will ultimately reduce the discharge and subsequent required wastewater treatment during high tide and rainfall events.

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City for this ILA in the amount of \$300,000. There is no funding required from the City to accept this grant. This appropriation is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 24-0324.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of July 3, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-536-334- 500-23P12618.129	Dolphin Isles B- 14 Sewer Basin Rehabilitation	State Grant – Economic Environment	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
			APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►		\$300,000

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-536-60- 6599-23P12618.129	Dolphin Isles B- 14 Sewer Basin Rehabilitation	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
			APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►		\$300,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2024 *Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City’s natural and built environment.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement

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