



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-1090

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: November 7, 2023

TITLE: Motion Authorizing the City Manager to submit a request to the Florida
Inland Navigation District (FIND) for Funding Assistance in the amount of
\$6,998 to Conduct a Bathymetric Survey of the New River - **(Commission
Districts 2 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to submit a request to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) providing Funding Assistance for \$6,998. The Interlocal Agreement will require a City Match of \$6,998.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), on occasion, will enter into an Interlocal agreement with governmental agencies to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities.

The purpose of this Bathymetric Survey is to define and map the navigable channel in the New River and to guide future development policy decisions required to maintain its navigability and to monitor encroachment of shoreline development in certain areas. The deepest parts of the river are not always in the middle of the river, but rather along its edges and the outer radii of the River's turns. Shoreline development unchecked can potentially constrict the New River and negatively impact the local marine industry and its economic impacts by reducing the ability of large vessels to navigate to the western service yards and marine construction vessels access upriver to service waterfront businesses and residential properties along the river.

Resource Impact

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

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2024 Commission Priority, advancing the 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*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement Funding Request

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