



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0220

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of
Transportation for the Local Agency Program Grant for the design of the
Tarpon River and Shady Banks Neighborhood Improvements, in the
amount of \$708,364 - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a grant agreement, in substantially the form attached, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Local Agency Program (LAP) grant, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any required documents associated with the acceptance of such funds.

Background

The Local Agency Program is the Florida Department of Transportation's primary delivery mechanism for local agency projects to develop, design, and construct transportation facilities with Federal-Aid funds, including those distributed through the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program. FDOT is the steward of the funds and is responsible for the oversight of federally funded projects on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has not participated in the LAP program since 2014 due to having an unsatisfactory performance in that year. Since that time, FDOT has directly administered local agency projects, however provided notice to municipalities in 2020 that they would be discontinuing that practice and municipalities would need to follow the LAP process moving forward.

The LAP certification included assigning a Senior Project Manager to oversee the LAP projects for Fort Lauderdale, which the city appointed and has been cleared for all LAP activities pursuant to the LAP program requirements. This process also included the LAP Financial Risk Assessment Team reviewing the City of Fort Lauderdale's single audits and deemed Fort Lauderdale eligible for project-specific certification, since there has not been project history in the previous three fiscal years.

On August 22, 2017, the City Commission approved the Tarpon River and Shady Banks Mobility Master Plans. Those plans were utilized for the submission of a Complete Streets and Local Initiatives Program application that was supported by the City Commission. Specifically on November 7, 2017, the City Commission approved CAM 17-1159 to authorize the project application. CAM 17-1159 was rescinded and updated on December 5, 2017, through CAM 17-1445, to clarify the priority project aspects.

The Shady Banks design scope includes the installation of pedestrian lighting, raised intersections, a bulb out and sidewalk construction to fill in throughout the neighborhood.

The Tarpon River design scope includes a mini roundabout, a raised table intersection, sidewalks and pedestrian lighting.

The proposed grant agreement is for design only in the amount of \$708,364, no local match is required. Upon completion of the design, additional LAP funding from FDOT for construction in the amount of \$1,619,369.00 has been programmed for this project. The City will be required to enter another agreement with FDOT for the construction phase. The City must accept the grant, initiate design, and complete the project no later than December 31, 2025.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$708,364, contingent on the approval of the April 2, 2024 Consolidated Budget Amendment, CAM #24-0037.

Source:					
Funds available as of March 8, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-331-490-24LAPGRANT	TARPON RIVER AND SHADY BANKS NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT	INTERGOV REVENUE / FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$0	\$0	\$708,364
				TOTAL AMOUNT →	\$708,364
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ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-544-60-6534-24LAPGRANT	TARPON RIVER AND SHADY BANKS NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT	CAPITAL OUTLAY / CONSULTANT ENGINEERING FEES	\$0	\$0	\$708,364
				TOTAL AMOUNT →	\$708,364

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Transportation and Traffic initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Transportation and Mobility Element
- Goal 2: Obtain the highest possible value and utility from investments in the City's Transportation Network

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – LAP Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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