



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0636

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: August 22, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application for \$4,275 to the Florida Inland Navigation District – Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program to Remove a Derelict Vessel from the Cox’s Landing Boat Ramp - **(Commission District 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$4,275 to the Florida Inland Navigation District – Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal program. This Grant requires a City match of \$1,425.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments within the District to provide public access to area waterways through boat ramps, floating docks and derelict vessel removal.

A 28' vessel was abandoned at the Cox’s Landing Boat Ramp and the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Marine Unit deemed the vessel abandoned and authorized the City to remove the vessel on May 2, 2023. On May 17, 2023, Sea Tow Fort Lauderdale removed the derelict vessel for the City at a cost of \$5,700.

The Florida Inland Navigation District Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program will fund up to 75%, or in this case \$4,275 of the costs needed to salvage and properly dispose of this derelict vessel. The remaining costs of \$1,425 to remove the vessel will be funded by a Broward County Boating Improvement Derelict Vessel Removal Grant which was awarded to the City in 2019.

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 *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: 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 Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – Grant Application Form

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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