



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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** December 6, 2022

**TITLE:** Motion Approving Grant Application – Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement- \$148,256 (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the submission of a grant application under the Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant Program.

**Background**

The Broward County Marine Advisory Committee is accepting grant proposals for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant (EMLEG) Program. The purpose of the EMLEG Program is to improve boating safety in Broward County by enhancing or supplementing marine law enforcement activities and improving boating safety education. This request is for authorization to apply for EMLEG funds. If awarded, grant funds will be used to assist in enforcement activities on the City’s waterways through the provision of 2,944 hours of additional waterway law enforcement patrols. Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant funding allows the Department to schedule Marine Unit officers to work evening shifts at a reduced cost to the City. Absent EMLEG funding, the Department would be unable to schedule Marine Unit personnel during evening shifts.

Although the grantor does not require a cash match, the program’s reimbursement rate of \$49/hr will not cover all associated overtime costs. The Department normally obtains the additional funds necessary to support the excess EMLEG overtime costs during the City’s annual budget process.

The grant application deadline is January 16, 2023, and a motion supporting the funding request must accompany the application submittal. The proposed grant project period is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Resource Impact**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City in FY2023. In FY2024, there is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount the amount of \$148,256. Although the grantor does not require a cash match, if all 2,944 hours are worked under the grant during FY2024, there will be an estimated cost to the City of \$94,338.43.

## **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2022 Commission* Priority, advancing the Community Response and Safety initiative.

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

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

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety Element
- Goal 4: Coordinate with related partners and agencies (at city, local, county, regional, state, and federal levels) to plan for disaster and emergency management, further the resiliency of coastal areas, and ensure city-wide community health and safety.

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