



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0867

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 21, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Approving Submittal of an Application to the Florida Department of Transportation Florida Beautification Grant Program to Install New Landscaping in the Medians on Broward Boulevard between NW 15th Avenue and NW 2nd Avenue - **(Commission Districts 2 and 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit one grant application to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Florida Beautification Grant Program in the total amount of \$100,000. The application would support new median landscaping on Broward Boulevard from NW 15th Avenue to NW 2nd Avenue.

Background

The City Commission has identified landscape maintenance improvements as a priority in the Commission Annual Action Plan. A work plan is being developed to address the beautification of City medians. In furtherance of this, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Transportation and Mobility Department are collaborating on the preparation of a Florida Beautification Program grant application to fund landscape improvements to medians within the City.

The grant will award up to \$100,000 per project to local agencies desiring to beautify roads on the State Highway System in Fiscal-Year 2022. For a grant application to be complete, the applicant's governing body must have passed a resolution approving the grant application. A copy of the fully executed resolution must be submitted with the grant application.

Improvements being proposed consist of the removal of wounded and clustered plant material, the installation of irrigation, trees, and other plant material. The FDOT has provided a preliminary review of the limits each project and advises the projects do not conflict with existing projects within the current FDOT work program.

This grant application does not require a match from the City.

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. There is no match required for this grant application.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2021 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 3: 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 3 : Showcase the natural beauty and spirit of Fort Lauderdale by highlighting our parks and recreational facilities and planning for resiliency to adapt to climate change.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Landscape Plans

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Estimated Project Costs

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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