



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#13-0183

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 5, 2013

TITLE: Motion approving the submittal of a grant application to Broward County
2013-2014 Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant Program, \$161,150

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the submission of a grant application to Broward County for the 2013-2014 Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant Program.

Background

This non-matching grant program improves boating safety initiatives in Broward County by providing funds to augment local marine law enforcement efforts and advocate boating safety education. The grant period is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

The Department is requesting one set of outboard motors for a total cost of \$32,850. There is no cash match required for the outboard motors. The City is also requesting \$132,300 to provide 3,150 hours of enhanced marine law enforcement patrols. The grant does not explicitly require a cash match; however there is an estimated cost to the City of \$61,600 since the grant's hourly rate of reimbursement is less than what the City pays officers. The grant only reimburses a \$42 flat hourly rate for marine patrols of specific zones during specific hours, without regard to the salary structure of any particular jurisdiction that participates in the program.

The Police Marine Unit is the responsible unit for implementing the grant project. In the current fiscal year, the overtime rate for the FLPD Marine Unit averages between \$60.38 and \$74.13 per hour, with all of the officers assigned to the Marine Unit earning at 'topped out' hourly pay. The Officer's hourly overtime rates, including FICA, are higher than the grant's current reimbursement rate causing an unofficial grant match. The additional overtime expense will be absorbed in the departmental overtime budget during FY 2014.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact during FY 2013. In FY 2014 there is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$161,150. Full implementation of the grant will also require \$61,500 in budgeted overtime funds in FY 2014, which will come from the departmental budget in FY 2014.

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