



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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 21, 2018

TITLE: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply to the Broward Boating Improvement Program for Grant Funding of \$50,000 for Future Derelict Vessel Removal

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a non-matching, reimbursable grant of \$50,000 to the Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP) for the removal of future derelict vessels. There is no required match for this grant.

Background

On occasion, the City responds to a complaint regarding an abandon boat or derelict vessel. Many times the vessel has sunk and is a navigational hazard or an environmental hazard to the City's Waterways. As these situations arise, the City will gather bids for the salvage and disposal of these vessels and after the fact, seek grant assistance. The Broward Boating Improvement Fund (BBIP) has reimbursable grant funding available for up to \$50,000 for the purpose of removing derelict vessels from the County's waterways.

The BBIP grant works differently than other grants in that it creates a line of credit which reimburses 100% of the expenses associated with the salvage and disposal of qualifying derelict vessels by drawing down the funds awarded over the four-year life of the grant. If the funds are exhausted in less than four years, the City can reapply to receive additional funding for another four-year term. The City was awarded this grant in 2014 and has been able to use \$7,815 for the salvage and disposal of four derelict vessels.

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 Connection:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included with in the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Derelict Vessel Grant Application

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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