



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

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 19, 2013

**TITLE:** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for additional Grant Funding, Las Olas Marina, from the Florida Inland Navigation District's (FIND) 2013 –2014 Waterways Assistance Program for design, engineering and permit fees in the amount of \$258,898.

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a matching grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Program in the amount of \$258,898.

**Background**

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) is presently in the process of dredging the Dania Beach Cutoff Canal to a depth of 17 feet at mean low water (MLW). The project is expected to be complete in May 2013. In the spring of 2014, FIND will begin dredging the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) from Port Everglades to 5000 feet north of the Las Olas Boulevard Bridge to the same depth of 17 feet MLW.

FIND's plan was presented to the City Commission in March of 2010 along with FIND grant opportunities for public waterfront properties to connect their sites to the deepened channel. The City applied and was awarded grants of \$110,861 to begin design and permitting with the intention to connect the Las Olas Marina and the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex to the ICW in 2010. A permit application was submitted for this work and the dredging of the entire Las Olas Marina basin on February 7, 2013.

The estimated cost to the City to attain permits for this project, not including mitigation costs, is \$207,791. The estimated cost to the city to dredge the aforementioned sites, not including mitigation costs, is \$1,980,495. Potential sources for the actual dredging work are FIND grants, CRA revenues and/or general revenues of the City. Mitigation cost estimates and plans will be developed as part of the permitting process. Permitting is estimated to take one (1) to two (2) years and is heavily dependant on the regulatory agencies responses to the City's current application.

The grant period is from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015 with the opportunity to extend one year. There is no special audit required for this grant.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact associated with this item, in the amount of \$207,791, for FY2014.

Attachments:

EX 1 - Costing Spreadsheet

EX 2 - Waterways Assistance Grant Application

EX 3 - CAM Memo # 12-2244

EX 4 – Chapter 66B-2 Waterways Assistance Program (2013)

EX 5 – Resolution

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