



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0863

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Purchase and Operation of a Sewage Pumpout Vessel. – \$152,191.65 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) through the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Grant Program in the amount of \$152,191.65 for the purchase and operation of a Sewage Pumpout Vessel, contingent upon review and approval by the City Attorney. This grant requires match funds for 100% of ineligible expenses and 25% of eligible expenses.

Background

A sewage pumpout vessel is a specialized boat that travels to other boats to empty their waste holding tanks. These vessels have large holding tanks to temporarily store the sewage before transporting it to a fixed pumpout station for proper disposal. The vessel provides a convenient way for boaters to dispose of their sewage waste in a responsible and environmentally conscious manner.

Pumping out can be considered an undesirable and difficult task and calling a retail service can be expensive. This can discourage boaters from disposing of the waste properly and they may instead dump directly into our City waterways.

The intention of this program is to operate an on demand or by appointment “come-to-you” citywide service to discourage boaters from disposing of the waste improperly. The service aims to increase compliance with regulations and to mitigate illegal dumping into waterways.

Since 1994, FDEP has provided grants to local and county governments throughout the state to purchase pumpout vessels. CVA grants have some requirements; most notably a restriction on service fees, not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) per pumpout, as well as quarterly reporting responsibilities for five (5) years.

Eligible grant costs under this program are boat operator salaries, general maintenance, parts and labor for repairs, and contractual repair services. The City plans to hire a term-limited grant-funded position to operate the vessel. All eligible costs are paid by the grant at 75% and the City funds the remaining 25%. Ineligible grant costs, estimated at \$57,522.00, include fuel and staff fringe benefits which will be paid by the City.

The City's total estimated annual financial contribution for the pumpout vessel service is \$108,252.50 in the first year of the grant. The City's obligation for years two (2) through five (5) is estimated at \$296,000 (approximately \$74,000 per year).

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City for the grant in the amount of \$152,191.65. The City is responsible for certain expenditures that are estimated at \$108,252.50 for Fiscal Year 2026. This item is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM #25-0723.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of October 7, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-0000-000-331-701-25GPOV	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant	Miscellaneous Revenue/ US Fish & Wildlife Service	\$0	\$0	\$152,191.65
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$152,191.65

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-60-6499-25GPOV	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$119,219.25
10-129-9300-572-10-1101-25GPOV	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant	Salaries & Wages/ Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$26,972.40
10-129-9300-572-30-3999-25GPOV	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant	Services/ Materials/ Other Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$6,000.00
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$152,191.65

Source (Cash Match):

<i>Funds available as of October 7, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-0000-000-	General Fund	Balances & Reserves/ Appropriated Fund	\$0	\$0	\$108,252.50

399-999		Balance			
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►	\$108,252.50

Use (Cash Match):

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-0000-000-369-900-25GPOVA	Sewage Pump Out Vessel grant match	Miscellaneous Revenue/ Other Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$108,252.50
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►	\$108,252.50

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-60-6499-25GPOVA	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant match	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$39,739.75
10-129-9300-572-10-1101-25GPOVA	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant match	Salaries & Wages/ Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$8,990.75
10-129-9300-572-20-2210-25GPOVA	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant match	Fringe Benefits/FRS Pension	\$0	\$0	\$6,816.00
10-129-9300-572-20-2310-25GPOVA	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant match	Fringe Benefits/Soc Sec/Medicare	\$0	\$0	\$3,722.00
10-129-9300-572-20-2404-25GPOVA	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant match	Fringe Benefits/Health	\$0	\$0	\$18,984.00
10-129-9300-572-30-3804-25GPOVA	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant match	Services/ Materials/ Diesel Fuel	\$0	\$0	\$28,000.00
10-129-9300-572-30-3999-25GPOVA	Sewage Pumpout Vessel grant match	Services/ Materials/ Other Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$2,000.00
				APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►	\$108,252.50

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY25 Commission Priority advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative, specifically Enhancing Waterways Quality

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2029*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

- Infrastructure and Resilience: Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

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

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Area Goal 4: Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels and other traversable features.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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