



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

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

DATE: March 3, 2015

TITLE: Grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District, Waterway
Assistance Program for a Waterway Cleaning Vessel

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the City Manager's submission of a grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District for a grant to be used toward the acquisition of a Waterway Cleaning Vessel.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments to perform waterway improvement projects. Marine law enforcement and other vessels are eligible for a maximum of \$30,000 in funding. The waterway cleaning vessel may be eligible for FIND funding in the "Other Waterway Related Projects" category. If awarded, grant funds will be used toward the acquisition of a waterway cleaning vessel (Exhibit 2).

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive impact to the City in the amount of \$20,000 which would allow for project implementation. There is no current year budget impact. Matching funds in the amount of \$20,000 have been identified in the Sanitation Fund FD409.

District funding is made available after October 1st of each year. Applicants must provide a minimum of 50% of the total project costs. The vessel, including the boat, skimmer and trailer, is estimated at \$40,000. Grant funds will be matched with a \$20,000 local match. Grant match will be appropriated in FY16. The application deadline is April 1, 2015.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan initiative, included with in the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.

Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – FIND 2015 Waterway Assistance Program Application Availability Notice

Exhibit 2 – Waterway Cleaning Vessel Image

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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