



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

23-0680

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: September 5, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement and Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Florida Department of State awarded to the City of Fort Lauderdale for a “Small Matching Grant” to Digitize Records of the Sailboat Bend Civic Association, Conduct Oral Histories, and Create an Exhibition for a Project Entitled “Telling the Story of the Sailboat Bend Historic District” – \$50,000 – **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission consider a resolution approving a grant agreement and authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Florida Department of State and execute documents required to accept the funds.

Background

At the March 7, 2022, Historic Preservation Board (HPB) meeting, the board made a Communication to the City Commission requesting that staff apply for a grant for educational purposes to tell the story of Sailboat Bend Historic District and the preservation of known records. At its April 5, 2022, conference meeting the City Commission requested that staff move forward with preparing a grant application for this purpose. March 7, 2022, HPB Minutes are provided as Exhibit 1.

In May 2022, the City submitted a “Small Matching Grant” application to the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, to propose funding to digitize records of the Sailboat Bend Civic Association, conduct oral histories, and create an exhibition. The request was approved in the State of Florida’s Fiscal Year 2024 budget and is being facilitated through a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Florida Department of State. Since the City is a Certified Local Government (CLG), the grant does not require matching funds.

In May 2021, an updated Architectural Resource Survey was adopted for the Sailboat Bend Historic District which was designated as a local historic district in the City of Fort Lauderdale in 1992. Within the report prepared to summarize the findings of the Architectural Resource Survey, a historic context was developed to describe the historic

significance of the historic district. Developed from this survey were multiple digital records that are available on the City's website:

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/departments-a-h/development-services/urban-design-and-planning/historic-preservation/sailboat-bend-historic-district>.

Using the updated information that has already been developed, funds will be used to hire a consultant to review and digitize the historical records held by the Sailboat Bend Civic Association. Records held by the Civic Association include newsletters of the organization, photographs, written histories, drawings, and some objects related to the history of the district. The consultant will also conduct additional research, community outreach, and conduct oral histories to develop an online educational application to tell the story of the Sailboat Bend Historic District. Funds will also be used to create a small exhibit with some of the materials that will potentially be displayed at the West Side Fire Station located within the district. This resource is expected to increase awareness of the city's cultural heritage and will benefit residents and visitors to Fort Lauderdale.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$50,000. Funding will be appropriated as a reimbursement upon proof of expenditures related to this project. Accounts below will be utilized contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM #23-0736.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of August 3, 2023</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-515-334-501- 23GSBHIS	Sailboat Bend Historic District Story	Intergovernment Revenue/ Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$50,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-515-30-3199- 23GSBHIS	Sailboat Bend Historic District Story	Services/Materials/Ot her Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$50,000

Strategic Connections

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Historic Preservation Element
- Goal 2: Provide educational and incentive opportunities to further the City's historic preservation goals.
- OBJECTIVE HP 2.2: Educate the public about archaeological and historic preservation programs.
- POLICY HP 2.2.3: Collaborate with local historical organizations to educate the public about historic preservation and archaeological programs.

Related CAM

#23-0736 Consolidated Budget Amendment

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – March 7, 2022, HPB Minutes

Exhibit 2 – Grant Award Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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