



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

#13-1119

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2013

TITLE: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply 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.

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 County Boating Improvement Program 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 that reimburses 100% of the expenses associated with the 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.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Derelict Vessel Grant Application

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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Department Director: Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation