



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

**#24-0096**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** February 6, 2024

**TITLE:** Resolution Delegating to the City Manager the Authority to Execute a  
Project Agreement with Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for a  
Grant of up to \$1,500,000 for Cooley's Landing Marina Replacement -  
**(Commission District 2)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission delegate the authority to the City manager to adopt a Resolution and approve the acceptance of a grant award from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) to fund up to 50% of the project cost for the renovation of the Cooley's Landing Marina, but not to exceed \$1,500,000. The Grant requires a city match of \$1,500,000.

**Background**

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments within the District to provide public access to the District's waterways. The City Commission approved applying for this grant at its March 23, 2023, regular meeting (CAM 23-0350).

Constructed around 1994, the Cooley's Landing Marina is very near the end of its useful life and in need of replacement. FIND will fund up to 50% of replacement costs or in this case \$1,500,000 of the costs needed to demolish and rebuild the marina. The total project costs are expected to be \$3,000,000.

The remaining grant match of \$1,500,000 was provided in part by grants awarded to the City by the Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP) of \$600,000 (CAM 24-0097) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund of \$800,000 (CAM 23-1002). This leaves the city to provide the remainder of the match of \$100,000, which was appropriated in November 2023.

**Resource Impact**

There is a positive fiscal impact to the city in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Grant

Source:

*Funds available as of January 8, 2024*

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER / ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
Revenue	10-129-9300-572-334-390-24GFINDCLM	Cooley's Landing Marina Replacement	State Grant - Other Physical Environment	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000.00
					<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>

Use:

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER / ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
Expense	10-129-9300-572-60-6599-P12753D	Cooley's Landing Marina Replacement	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000.00
					<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2024 Commission Priority advancing the Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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