

**BROWARD BOATING IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
FY 2024/2025
GRANT APPLICATION PACKAGE**



**BROWARD COUNTY
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DIVISION**

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**FY 2024/2025 GRANT APPLICATION
(PLEASE TYPE)**

For Office Use:
Date _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant: City of Fort Lauderdale

Project Title: Derelict Vessel Removal

Project Liaison Agent: Jonathan Luscomb

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I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Grant Amount Requested: \$ 50,000 Amount of Cash Match: \$ 0

Funds are Utilized as Match for: FRDAP _____ FIND _____ LWCF _____ Other _____

Site Control (Check One):

Acquiring _____ Leased _____ Owned _____

If Leased, Date of Expiration of Lease: _____

Once completed, will this project be insured? Explain:

N/A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Is this project a Phase I Grant: _____ or a Phase II Grant: _____

Brief Project Description: Derelict Vessel Removal

The City of Fort Lauderdale has over 165 Miles of canals and navigable waterways. On occasion, the City's Marine Police Unit and Marine Facilities Division respond to a complaint regarding a submerged/abandoned vessel that is a navigational hazzard and/or an environmental hazzard to the boating public. As these situations arise, the vessels are immediately raised, decontaminated and properly disposed of.

Over the past 4 years, five (5) quaulifying vessels have been recovered and properly disposed of. The majority of these were abandoned or sunk in Lake Sylvan and the Intracoastal Waterway within City limits.

The City is wary of potential derelict vessels and maintains contact with owners if possible, but at times those owners vanish and abandon these vessels, leaving the City to dispose of them, hopefully before they sink and before they become navigational or environmental hazzards. Sometimes they derelict behind houses and find their way to open water and are abanadoned.

This grant is vital to continue the job ob keeping the City's waterways clean and safe.

Type and Estimated Cost of Proposed Development by Facility:

Project Elements	Quantity Estimated (Number and /or Footage)	Applicant Cost	BBIP Cost	Total Cost
N/A				
Total		\$	\$	\$

Total Acreage of Project Site: N/A

PROJECT SCORING QUESTIONS

1. Provide information to show proposed or actual use for the project by recreational boaters.

- a) How is the public usage of this project clearly identified and quantified?
- b) Discuss the regional and local public benefits and access to be provided by the project.
- c) Estimate the amount of total public use.
- d) Can residents from other cities or visitors from other counties reasonably use the project? Explain.
- e) If this is a Phase I project, what will Phase II provide?

- a. The removal of derelict vessels from public waterways and boat ramps within the City enable the boating public better opportunities to safely enjoy them. Derelict Vessels are unsightly and ruin the scenery along the waterways. Submerged derelict vessels create navigational /environmental hazzards to residents and visitors of Fort Lauderdale, waterfront property and habitat.
- b. Broward County has approximately 300 miles of inland waterways and of those, 165 miles are with Fort Lauderdale. Broward County also has two navigable inlets: Hillsboro and Port Everglades. It is imposible to transit Port Everglades without entering the City's waterways.
- c. In 2005, the Mote Marine Labratory conducted a study for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with the goal of estimating boating traffic patterns that effect the manatees in the inland waterways of Broward County and Fort Lauderdale. During the months of May through January, aerial surveys of "in use" boats were conducted from a small aircraft at an altitude of 1000'. 117 flights were made and traffic patterns were mapped. The study counted 3,452 vessels "in use", which comes to an average of 203 per day on County Waterways. With 55% of Broward's waterways within the City of Ft. Lauderdale, it is estimated on average there were 112 vessels in use in Ft. Lauderdale per day according to the study. We know for certain that number has increased substantially since then.
- d. Any boater is free to lawfully use the waterways within the City's limits.

2. Describe availability of navigable recreational waterways, including the distances North, East, South and West, with water depth at low tide and bridge clearances at high tide.

- a) Will dredging be required to make this project feasible? If so, how much and where is the dredge disposal material going to be deposited? **No Dredging is Required.**

.2. The prevention, removal and disposal of derelict vessels include the City of Fort Lauderdale's entire 165 miles of navigable waterways. These waterways lie within the City's approximate 36 Sq. mile footprint. These waterways are not available to all boaters due to varying fixed bridge heights throughout the city and residential areas. The main bodies of water connecting the City to the Atlantic Ocean are the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, The Middle River, and the New River. Vessel traffic on the intracoastal and the New River are relatively unrestricted within City boundaries due to bascule bridges and water depths of 5 to 15 feet. The Middle River does restrict vessel size due to the lower clearance of the Sunrise Blvd. Bridge. That Bridge is fixed and has a clearance of approximately 10 feet.

3. State how previously awarded old Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) or Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP) funds have been effectively spent by the applicant in the past.

- a) Have any FBIP or BBIP funds been used for the existing development of the proposed project site? If yes, what were the funds used for, and when were they awarded?

No, the Florida Inland Navigation District has assisted the City on occasion with its Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program.

3. 1988-1989 - Cooley's Landing Boat Docks FBIP - \$153,899

1989-1990- Cooley's Landing Comfort Station and Restroom FBIP - \$96,805

1990-1991 - Las Olas Marina Dock and Comfort Station Construction FBIP - \$440,000

1992-1993 - Las Olas Marina Dock and Comfort Station Construction FBIP - \$440,000

1994-1995 - Las Olas Marina Dock and Comfort Station Construction FBIP - \$375,000

2003-2006 - Marshall Point Boating Improvements BBIP - \$300,000

2005-2012- New River Floating Docks BBIP - \$450,000

2007-2011 - Cooley's Landing Boat Ramp Replacement BBIP - \$218,545

2019 - Present - 15th St. Boat Ramp Improvement Project BBIP - \$291,715

2014 - 2018 Derelict Vessel Removal Program BBIP - \$50,000

2019 - 2024 Derelict Vessel Removal Program BBIP - \$50,000

4. List all available ancillary boating facilities currently at the project site such as; restrooms, adequate paved parking, drinking water, pump-out stations, laundry facilities, etc.

a) What ancillary boating facilities is this project proposing?

N/A

5. List the number of similar boating facilities in the area and their distance from the proposed project.

a) Is this project meeting an un-met demand?

N/A

6. Describe who the intended users of the proposed facility are, and the number of users the project is anticipated to generate.

N/A

7. List all permits required to construct the project and the status of each permit. N/A

- a) If this is a Phase I project, how long do you anticipate the design, permitting and engineering process to take? N/A
- b) Briefly explain the construction techniques to be utilized for this project. N/A
- c) How are the construction techniques utilized appropriate for the project site? N/A
- d) Identify any unusual construction techniques that may increase or decrease the costs of the project, or extend the life of the project. N/A
- e) Describe current status of the project and present a reasonable and effective timeline for the completion of the project. N/A
- f) Briefly explain any unique aspects of this project that could influence the project timeline. N/A

8. Describe public access and boating access to the proposed project. N/A

- a) What is the current level of public access in terms of the number of boat ramps, boat slips and trailer parking spaces, linear feet of docks, restrooms (etc.)? N/A
- b) How many additional ramps, slips, parking spaces or other public access features will be added by the completion of this project? N/A
- c) Is there 24-hour public and handicap access to the project site? N/A

9. Explain user costs such as parking and launching fees, if any, for the proposed project. N/A

- a) If there are fees charged for the use of this project, please list fee schedule. N/A
- b) How do these fees compare with fees from similar public & private facilities in the area? N/A

10. Describe the environmental and/or ecological benefits that the proposed project would provide. N/A

a) Does the project provide any unique beneficial aspects to the proposed design that would enhance public usage or access, decrease environmental impacts, improve water quality or reduce costs? N/A