



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

**#23-1062**

---

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** November 21, 2023

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$5,644 to the Florida Inland Navigation District – Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program to Remove a Derelict Vessel from the Cooley’s Landing Marina and Boat Ramp – **(Commission District 4)**

---

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$5,644 to the Florida Inland Navigation District – Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal program. This Grant requires a city match of \$1,881.

**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 area waterways through boat ramps, floating docks and derelict vessel removal.

A 36” vessel was abandoned at the Cooley’s Landing Marina and the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Marine Unit deemed the vessel abandoned and authorized the City to remove the vessel on September 25, 2023. On October 12, 2023, Sea Tow Fort Lauderdale removed and disposed of the derelict vessel for the City at a cost of \$7525.

The Florida Inland Navigation District Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program will fund up to 75%, or in this case \$5,644 of the costs needed to salvage and properly dispose of this derelict vessel. The remaining costs of \$1,881 to remove the vessel will be funded by the City.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant application. The Grant will be brought back to the City Commission for execution and appropriation if awarded.

### **Strategic Connections**

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

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- 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 Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – Grant Application Form

---

Prepared by: Jonathan Luscomb, Parks & Recreation Department

Department Director: Carl Williams, Parks & Recreation Department