



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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 22, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$218,553 to the Broward Boating Improvement Program for Boat Ramp Renovations Phase II Construction within George English Park

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$218,553 to the Broward Boating Improvement Program for Boat Ramp Renovations Phase II construction within George English Park, delegating authority to the City Manager to execute the grant application and any and all documents necessary.

Background

Through the Broward Marine Advisory Committee, Broward County administers the Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP). BBIP provides funding assistance to local governments within the County to provide public access to area waterways through boat ramps and floating docks.

The Florida Department of Transportation recently replaced the Sunrise Boulevard Bridge which crosses the Middle River. The new bridge is higher which provides larger vessel access to the George English Park Boat Ramp and increases the use of the facility. The current ramps are not designed for larger boat and trailer use and need to be renovated to meet area boater need. With this in mind, staff applied for and was awarded funding by the Florida Boating Improvement Program for Phase-I design and permitting of longer ramps and the addition of ADA accessible floating staging docks. In March 2017, staff also applied for funding assistance from the Florida Inland Navigation District for Phase II - construction.

The grant application requires the submission of a Resolution indicating Commission approval of the submission of the application and a commitment of the grants matching funds in the amount of \$218,553.

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 *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included with in the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone

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

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 –Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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