



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

#14-1474

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

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

DATE: December 17, 2014

TITLE: Grant Application – South Florida Water Management District for the
Cooperative Funding Program – Fiscal Year 2016

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution ratifying the applications to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for the Cooperative Funding Program for Fiscal Year 2016. This agenda item requires ratification by the City Commission because the applications were submitted to the SFWMD on November 21, 2014 to meet the grant application deadline.

Background

The SFWMD Cooperative Funding Program for Fiscal Year 2016 provides assistance for the implementation of stormwater projects and is intended to aid with the construction or implementation of alternative water supply and water conservation projects that are shovel-ready at the time of award in support of the SFWMD Strategic and Regional Water Supply Plans.

The City currently has four approved Community Investment Plan stormwater projects that will be shovel ready in Fiscal Year 2015 to meet the eligibility for grant funding from the SFWMD Cooperative Funding Program: 1) project number 11869 for Citywide stormwater modeling, 2) project 12060 for soccer and lacrosse athletic fields, 3) project 12035 for stormwater infrastructure on Northeast 17th Way, and 4) project 12036 for stormwater infrastructure on Southwest 13th Court and Southwest 36th Avenue. These four projects have a total estimated cost of \$6,100,000. Staff is requesting \$1,975,000 in grant funds from SFWMD and the remaining funding will come from programmed amounts in the Community Investment Plan.

The SFWMD will notify the City of any project which will be given consideration in January 2015. It is anticipated that the final grant application process will be initiated at that time and actual grant award would take place in September 2015. If grants are awarded to the City, an agreement with the SFWMD will be presented to the City Commission for review and approval, and funds would be appropriated at that time. All funded infrastructure must be installed between October 2015 and March 2017.

Resource Impact

There is currently no resource impact associated with submitting these grant applications. If the grant matches are awarded, the City's match will come from the approved Community Investment Plan.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included in the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road, and bridge infrastructure.
- Objective 2: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise.

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

Attachments: Exhibit 1 - Resolution
Exhibit 2 - Grant Applications

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