



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

15-0027

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: January 6, 2015

TITLE: Grant Application – Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Program - \$126,740

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the submission of a grant application under the Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant Program.

Background

The Broward County Marine Advisory Committee is accepting grant proposals for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant (EMLEG) Program. The purpose of the EMLEG Program is to improve boating safety in Broward County by enhancing or supplementing marine law enforcement activities and improving boating safety education. This request is for authorization to apply for EMLEG funds. If awarded, grant funds will be used to assist in enforcement activities on the City's waterways through the provision of 2,835 hours of additional waterway law enforcement patrols. EMLEG funding allows the Department to schedule Marine Unit Officers to work evening shifts at a reduced cost to the City. Absent EMLEG funding, the Department would be unable to schedule Marine Unit personnel during evening shifts.

Although the grantor does not require a cash match, the program's reimbursement rate of \$44/hr will not cover all associated staffing costs including overtime salary rates and FICA costs of approximately \$57,960. The Department normally obtains the additional funds necessary to support the EMLEG award during the City's annual budget process.

The grant application deadline is January 20, 2015 and a motion supporting the funding request must accompany the application submittal. The proposed grant project period is October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City in the FY2015. In FY2016, there is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$126,740. Although the grantor does not require a cash match, if all 2,835 hours are worked under the grant during FY2016, there will be an estimated cost to the City of \$57,960.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Crime Reduction Strategy and Action Plan.

This time is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: *We are Community*.

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