




CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0350

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Mar 21, 2023 17:18 EDT)

DATE: March 23, 2023

TITLE: **Walk On** - Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Submit
a Grant Application for \$1,500,000 to the Florida District of Navigation –
Waterway Assistance Program to Renovate the Cooley's Landing Marina
– **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an Application for Grant Funding of \$1,500,000 to Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) – Waterways Assistance Program. This Grant requires a City match of \$1,500,000.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) administers the Waterways Assistance Program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments to provide public access to area waterways through boat ramps, floating docks, and derelict vessel removal.

The Cooley's Landing Marina is very near the end of its useful life and in need of replacement. FIND may fund up to 50% of replacement costs or in this case \$1,500,000 of the costs needed to demolish and rebuild the marina. This Grant application is due March 27, 2023.

At the February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting of the City Commission, the Commission approved applying for a \$1,000,000 grant, but since then staff has learned there may be more funding available and may, according to FIND rules, resubmit a grant application for the increased amount. The Application for \$1,000,000 previously authorized on February 7, 2023, will be withdrawn and the Application for \$1,500,000 will be submitted in lieu of the previously approved \$1,000,000 Grant Application.

The remaining grant match of \$1,500,000 may be provided by a grant from the Broward Boating Improvement Program and a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant. Staff has already applied and presented to the Broward County Boating Improvement

Program (BBIP) and intends to apply to the Land and Water Conservation Fund by January 31, 2023 deadline.

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 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.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – City Manager's Authorization to Amend Cooley's Landing Pre-Grant Application

Exhibit 2 – Amended Cooley's Landing FIND Grant Application 2023

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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