



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

#25-0345

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: March 18, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Delegating Authority to the Acting City Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District – Waterway Assistance Program for the Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement from Andrews Avenue to Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) Train Tracks - \$4,000,000 – **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to submit an application for grant funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 to Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) – Waterways Assistance Program. This Grant requires a City funding match of 50%.

Background

FIND administers the Waterways Assistance Program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments to provide public access to waterways through the installation of boat ramps and floating docks, as well as derelict vessel removal. This project will help preserve and enhance the commercial and recreational values of the downtown portion of the New River.

This project will provide access to the waterways for the taxi boats that frequently visit the Riverwalk North business area between the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) train tracks and the Andrews Avenue bridge. A floating dock will be provided for public access to the businesses located along the Riverwalk. Taxi boats will also have access to the Riverwalk Business Center through the combination of floating dock and fixed dock. Additionally, this project includes replacing the aging and damaged seawall with a new wall that is resilient to climate change and sea level rise and serves as an anchor for a living seawall that will be used as a pilot project for water quality and sea life enhancements.

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. Funding source for the city match is the Riverwalk Seawall Replacement Project CIP.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2025 *Commission* Priority, advancing Infrastructure and Resilience and the Public Places and Community initiatives.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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