



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

**#15-0130**

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

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

**DATE:** February 17, 2015

**TITLE:** Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District's 2015-2016  
Waterways Assistance Program for the Las Olas Marina Dredging Project

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a matching grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program in the amount of \$206,543 for the Las Olas Marina Dredging Project.

**Background**

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) intends to dredge the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) beginning in 2015 from Port Everglades to approximately 5,000 feet north of the Las Olas Blvd. Bridge to 17 feet mean low water (MLW). The project is expected to take approximately 18 – 24 months. The City intends to connect the Las Olas Marina to the deepened ICW channel.

The City was awarded additional funding for this work in October 2013. That grant will expire in September 2016. The City went through the required Competitive Consultants Negotiation Act (CCNA) process to hire a consultant for the work; the selection process was completed on January 7, 2015 and negotiations with the selected consultant are presently underway. To date no eligible grant funds have been spent.

The City is unsure if it will be able to meet the time requirements of that grant because the remainder of the permitting process will take longer than the life of the grant. Because of that, the City must terminate that grant and reapply for the project.

### **Resource Impact**

If the grant is awarded, there will be a positive fiscal impact to the City. The required grant matching funds are available in current project balances.

<i>Funds available as of February 6, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
346-P11671.346-6599	Las Olas Marina & Aquatic Complex Dredging	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$207,790.00	\$180,492.00	\$180,492.00
				<b>TOTAL →</b>	<b>\$180,492.00</b>

### **Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included within 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.
- **Initiative 5:** Identify and prioritize highly visible waterways for cleaning and beautification with government and business partners.

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

- **Goal 2:** Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- **Objective 1:** Proactive maintain our water, wastewater, road and bridge infrastructure
- **Initiative 3:** Conduct an analysis of canal dredging needs and examine funding scenarios.

This item advances the Fast Forward Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Ready.

#### Attachments:

Exhibit 1 - Grant Application

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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