



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#15-1221

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

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

DATE: November 3, 2015

TITLE: National Endowment of the Arts Our Town Grant Acceptance and Match

Recommendation

It recommended that the City Commission approve acceptance and match of the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant to fund the Botanizing North Beach Village project.

Background

The National Endowment for the Arts awarded the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) a \$25,000 grant to design stormwater gardens with public art features in North Beach Village right of ways. The City's proposal, in partnership with Florida Atlantic University (FAU), titled *Botanizing North Beach Village*, provides a unique opportunity to showcase the integration of art with stormwater functionality through stormwater gardens. With City Commission approval, the City will match the \$25,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts with \$25,000 from the citywide grant match account for a project total of \$50,000.

The FAU School of Architecture, with MetroLab, the School's public outreach and community engagement entity, will work as the primary design consultant with the City's Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) and North Beach Village stakeholders to design an ecologically themed public art streetscape master plan.

The City is collaborating with FAU to utilize their expertise in design of low impact development, an ecologically based stormwater management approach, in public rights of way. Low impact development is a stormwater management strategy that can address sea level rise, storm surge, and rainfall. Aligning with the Central Beach Master Plan, which is currently being updated and includes specific plans for the North Beach Village, the School of Architecture, with MetroLab and student involvement, will provide the City with design and visioning documents for a low impact design master plan that creates a unique placemaking approach, integrating public art, ecology, and traffic calming. FAU is anticipated to complete the designs in June 2016.

Resource Impact

Funding of the grant and match is contingent upon approval and appropriation of the Consolidated Budget Amendment, CAM#15-1312.

Revenue

Funds available as of October 7, 2015

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GNEA16-C701	NEA Our Town	Intergov Revenue/NATL Endowment of the Arts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
129-GNEA16-Q001	NEA Our Town	Other Uses/General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
TOTAL →					\$ 50,000

Expense

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GNEA16-3199	NEA Our Town	Services & Materials/Other Prof Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
TOTAL →					\$ 50,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement 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 2: Integrate arts and cultural elements into public places.

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

Related CAM

#15-1312

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Grant Award Letter

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