



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

**#17-0138**

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

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

**DATE:** February 21, 2017

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Florida  
Inland Navigation District for George English Park Boat Ramp  
Renovations Phase II Construction

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$400,000 to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for installation of boat ramps and floating docks within the George English Park Boat Ramp. This Grant requires a City match of \$400,000.

**Background**

FIND administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP) program. FIND provides funding assistance to local governments within the District to provide public access to area waterways through boat ramps and floating docks.

Florida Department of Transportation recently replaced the Sunrise Boulevard Bridge which crosses the Middle River. The new bridge is higher which provides larger vessel access to the George English Park Boat Ramp and an increase in the facility's use. The ramps are not designed for larger boat and trailer use and need to be renovated to meet area boater need. With this in mind, staff applied for and was awarded funding by the Florida Boating Improvement Program for phase-I design and permitting of longer ramps and the addition of ADA accessible floating staging docks. Phase – I is expected to be completed by March 2017 and ready for Phase-II construction.

The grant application requires the submission of a Resolution indicating Commission approval of the submission of the application and a commitment of the grants matching funds.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant application at this time. 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 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.

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

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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