



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0249

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

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

DATE: March 7, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$65,000 to
the Florida Inland Navigation District for Riverwalk Floating Docks Phase I
Design and Permitting

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$65,000 to the Florida Inland Navigation District for Riverwalk Floating Docks Phase I Design and Permitting and delegating authority to the City Manager to sign the application and any incidental documents related thereto. This grant requires a City match of \$65,000 if awarded. The resolution would authorize application only.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (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.

In 2011, the City installed floating docks at four (4) locations along the New River to increase access to the Riverwalk for small boats. The project was funded in part by FIND. The floating docks are very successful as they provide waterway free access to the Riverwalk and downtown daily and for special events like the Sunday Jazz Brunch. The purpose of this project is to design and permit two more Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible floating docks along the Riverwalk increasing waterway access downtown. One dock will be added to an existing dock at Esplanade Park and the other will be placed near the New River Inn Museum.

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. If awarded, the grant will be brought back to the City Commission for execution and appropriation.

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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