



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0136

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

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

DATE: March 21, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$2,024,578 to the Florida Inland Navigation District for Dredging Access from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Bahia Mar Yachting Center

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$2,024,578 to the Florida Inland Navigation District for dredging access from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Bahia Mar Yachting Center (Bahia Mar) and delegating authority to the City Manager to sign the Application and any incidental documents related thereto. This grant requires a City match of \$890,368.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) has nearly completed dredging the Intracoastal Waterway from Port Everglades to approximately 5,000 feet north of the Las Olas Blvd. Bridge to 17 feet Mean Low Water (MLW).

FIND's plan was presented to the City Commission in March 2010 along with FIND Dredging Grant opportunities for public waterfront properties to connect their sites to the deepened Intracoastal Waterway. The City was awarded funding for Phase I Design and permitting work in October 2013 and in October 2016. Since then, the Bahia Mar Yachting Center applied for dredging permits independently and has nearly received all necessary permits for the work.

The City intends to partner in the project with Bahia Mar by facilitating Bahia Mar's access to FIND grants and to contribute \$500,000 to the grant's required match while Bahia has committed to fund the remainder of the match of \$390,938 and all project costs not covered by the FIND grant.

If FIND awards the grant to dredge the access to Bahia Mar, staff will request funding from the Community Redevelopment Agency for the City match.

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.

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 - Bahia Mar Dredging Grant Pre Application

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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