



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-1375

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

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

DATE: December 5, 2017

TITLE: Motion to Accept a Grant of up to \$400,000 from the Florida Inland
Navigation District (FIND) for George English Park Boat Ramp Renovation
P-II Replacement (BR-FL-17-124)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the acceptance of a grant award from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) to fund 50% of the project cost for the renovation of the George English Park Boat Ramp, but not to exceed \$400,000.

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 the waterways.

The Florida Department of Transportation recently replaced the Sunrise Blvd. 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 complete and in March 2017, staff also applied for funding assistance for Phase-II construction to the Florida Inland Navigation District. The City will also be required to utilize revenue generated from boat ramp use to maintain the facility during the project life.

The City Commission approved applying for this grant at its February 21, 2017 regular meeting (CAM 17-0138). This grant requires match by the City of \$400,000.

Resource Impact

The total project cost is \$800,000. There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$400,000. There is a negative fiscal cash match impact to the City in the amount of \$400,000. Funds for the cash match are budgeted in the General Fund in FD001-9129. Funds are being appropriated contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 17-1329.

Appropriate To:

Funds available as of November 7, 2017

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-P12186.129-F417	George English Park Boat Ramp FY2016	Intergovernmental Revenue / FIND Public Safety Waterway Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$400,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$400,000.00

Appropriate To:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-P12186.129-6599	George English Park Boat Ramp FY2016	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$0	\$0	\$400,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$400,000.00

Appropriate From: (Cash Match)

Funds available as of November 7, 2017

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-FD001-9129	General Fund	Other Uses / General Fund	\$1,615,408	\$1,615,408	\$400,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$400,000.00

Appropriate To:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-P12186.129A-Q001	George English Park Boat Ramp FY2016	Other Uses / General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$400,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$400,000.00

Appropriate To:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-P12186.129A-6599	George English Park Boat Ramp FY2016	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$0	\$0	\$400,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$400,000.00

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*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Florida Inland Navigation District Project Agreement BR-FL-17-124

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