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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: February 20, 2018

**TITLE**: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Matching Grant Application to the

Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), Waterway Assistance Program for the Coontie Hatchee Lagoon Construction Phase II of up to \$214,203

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a matching grant application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for the Coontie Hatchee Lagoon Construction Phase II. This grant requires a match of \$214,203.

# **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 Coontie Hatchie Park is located on the New River. At this time there is no waterway access to and from the park. The community has reached out to the City requesting access to the river through the park via a lagoon with a beach. The City Commission accepted a grant from FIND at its January 5, 2016 meeting for Phase I design and permitting. Design is complete and permits are expected to be issued this summer.

District funding is made available after October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The project is anticipated to cost approximately \$501,235, comprised of \$428,406 for construction and \$72,829 for internal City project management costs, which are ineligible for grant funding. The FIND grant will provide \$214,203 of funding for the project.

#### **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 grant application furthers the Public Places goals and objectives as is contained in Press Play Fort Lauderdale, Our City Our Strategic Plan 2018. Specifically:

- 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

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Pre Application Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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