



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

#19-0017

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 19, 2019

TITLE: Motion to Accept Broward Coastal Dune Restoration Grant - \$5,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion to accept a Broward County Coastal Dune Restoration Grant, in substantially the form attached, allowing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Broward County to preserve the dunes located on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Background

The purpose of the Coastal Dune Restoration Grant Program is to promote the enhancement, restoration and preservation of existing dunes located along Broward County's shoreline. Vegetated dunes help to trap and anchor windblown sand, and when well established, dunes enhance coastal defenses by absorbing additional wave energy and maintaining a sand reservoir that helps minimize erosion. In recognition of the importance of preserving Fort Lauderdale's beach dunes, Parks and Recreation Department staff applied for a Coastal Dune Restoration Grant as released by Broward County's Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division. Staff subsequently learned that Fort Lauderdale would be a recipient of such grant funds.

As much as 30% of the existing dune vegetation was damaged or destroyed during Hurricane Irma leaving some areas of the dunes unprotected. Grant funds will be used to plant sea oat seedlings to preserve and protect the dunes located on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Grant awards do not exceed \$5,000 and require a 50% cost share (either cash or in-kind services). Project installation will be performed by staff as the grant's in-kind match.

Broward County provides the grant funds on a reimbursable basis to support enhancement projects. Project funds must be expended within one year of execution of the grant award.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact in the estimated amount of \$5,000, associated with this item. Funds are being appropriated through companion CAM 19-0023.

Appropriate To:

Funds available as of January 9, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GDUNE19-F733	2019 Coastal Dune Grant	Intergovernmental Revenue/Broward County Culture & Recreation	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$5,000

To:

Funds available as of January 9, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GDUNE19-3999	2019 Coastal Dune Grant	Service & Materials/ Other Services	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$5,000

Strategic Connection:

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 Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Here*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Coastal Dune Restoration Grant Agreement

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