



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

#19-0945

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 2, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$140,000 to the Broward Boating Improvement Program for Riverwalk Floating Docks Phase II Construction.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$140,000 to the Broward Boating Improvement Program for the Riverwalk Floating Docks Phase II Construction. This grant requires a match of \$140,000.

Background

Through the Broward Marine Advisory Committee, Broward County administers the Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP). BBIP provides funding assistance to local governments within the County to provide public access to area waterways through boat ramps and floating docks.

In 2011, the City installed floating docks at four locations along the New River to increase access to the Riverwalk for small boats. The project was funded in part by BBIP and the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND). The floating docks are very successful as they provide waterway access to the Riverwalk and downtown daily and for special events like The Sunday Jazz Brunch. The purpose of this project is to add one more floating dock along the Riverwalk increasing waterway access downtown. This dock will be added to the existing Maritime Museum dock and next to the Esplanade Park Floating dock. The estimated cost of this project is \$280,000 plus internal project management charges.

In 2017 the City was awarded funding assistance from FIND for the design and permitting phase of this dock. Staff intends to apply to FIND in early 2020 for grant assistance for this project for an additional \$140,000. If awarded, the FIND grant will be used as the match for this grant.

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. 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.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – Grant Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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