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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 7, 2020

TITLE: Motion Accepting Grant Funding from the Broward Boating Improvement

Program of \$50,000 for the Removal of Future Qualifying Derelict Vessels

- (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

It is Recommended that the City Commission accept grant funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP) for use to remove future derelict vessels within City waters.

Background

On occasion, the City responds to a complaint regarding an abandoned boat or derelict vessel. Many times, the vessel has sunk and is a navigational hazard or an environmental hazard to the City's waterways. As these situations arise, the City will gather bids for the salvage and disposal of these vessels and, after the fact, seek grant assistance. The Broward County Boating Improvement Program has reimbursable funding available for up to \$50,000 for the purpose of removing vessels from the County's waterways.

The BBIP grant works differently than other grants in that it creates a line of credit that reimburses 100% of the expenses associated with the disposal of qualifying derelict vessels by drawing down the funds awarded over the four-year life of the grant. If the funds are exhausted in less than four years, the City can reapply to receive additional funding for an additional four-year term.

Resource Impact

Funds in the amount of \$50,000 are available in Fiscal Year 2020 in the account listed below.

Funds available as of January 1, 2020					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
GBBIP20-F746	BBIP Derelict Vessel Removal FY20	County – BBIP Public Safety	N/A	N/A	\$50,000
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$50,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Grant Agreement

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