



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0264

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$400,000 to the Florida Inland Navigation District for George English Park Boat Ramp Renovations Phase II Construction - **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding of \$400,000 to the Florida Inland Navigation District for Phase II construction of the George English Park Boat Ramp renovations. This Grant requires a City match of \$400,000.

Background

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) administers the Waterway Assistance Program (WAP). FIND provides funding assistance to local governments within the District to provide public access to area waterways through boat ramps and floating docks.

The Florida Department of Transportation replaced the Sunrise Boulevard Bridge which crosses the Middle River. The new bridge is higher and now provides larger vessel access to the George English Park Boat Ramp and an increase in the facility's use. The ramps were not designed for larger boat and trailer use and needs to be renovated to meet area boater need.

The City applied for and was awarded this grant in 2017; however, construction has not yet commenced, and the 2017 grant will expire September 2020. Pursuant to the Florida Inland Navigation's suggestion, the City has withdrawn from the 2017 grant and is reapplying for it again. The new grant will be awarded in October 2020 and will give the City an additional two years to complete the project.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact associated with the grant application. Match funding for Phase-II Design and Permitting was allocated in FY 2018 and remains in place.

Strategic Connections:

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

- Public Places
- Goal 3
- 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*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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