



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0387

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 2, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$75,000 to the Florida Inland Navigation District for North Fork Riverfront Park - Phase I Final Construction Design and Permitting - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$75,000 to the Florida Inland Navigation District for North Fork Riverfront Park Phase I, which consists of the final site plan design and permitting. This Grant requires a City match of \$75,000.

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 promote public access to local waterways and waterfront parks.

The North Fork Riverfront Park will be located on a City owned parcel of land with possible wetlands located on the south bank of the North Fork of the New River. This park will serve as a green space for the surrounding neighborhood and provide access to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway through the New River for recreational vessels as well as kayaks and paddle boards. This grant funding will be utilized for final site plan design and permitting of the North Fork Riverfront Park. It will also include the following items; enhancement of a portion of the existing mangroves (any mangrove removal will be mitigated by mangrove replacement through mitigation or credit purchase by a regional mitigation bank), shoreline stabilization, dredging of the North Fork of the New River, new sidewalk and pavilion on the uplands, installation of a new concrete seawall, new boardwalk, floating dock and gangway, and viewing platforms. The project is divided into two phases. Phase I will consist of a site plan design and permitting and Phase II will consist of constructing the proposed improvements.

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. The grant match funds in the amount of \$75,000 have been requested in the Community Investment Plan for FY2021.

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 of the \$75,000 grant match if awarded.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *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 – Resolution

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