



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0848

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 2, 2020

TITLE: Motion Approving Grant Application – Broward County Enhanced Marine
Law Enforcement Grant - \$145,255 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the submission of a grant application under the Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant Program.

Background

The Broward County Marine Advisory Committee is accepting grant proposals for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant (EMLEG) Program. The purpose of the EMLEG Program is to improve boating safety in Broward County by enhancing or supplementing marine law enforcement activities and improving boating safety education. This request is for authorization to apply for EMLEG funds. If awarded, grant funds will be used to assist in enforcement activities on the City's waterways through the provision of 2,944 hours of additional waterway law enforcement patrols. Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant funding allows the Department to schedule Marine Unit officers to work evening shifts at a reduced cost to the City. Absent EMLEG funding, the Department would be unable to schedule Marine Unit personnel during evening shifts.

Although the grantor does not require a cash match, the program's reimbursement rate of \$49/hr will not cover all associated staffing costs. The additional staffing costs include overtime salary rates and FICA costs of approximately \$87,069.07. The Department normally obtains the additional funds necessary to support the EMLEG award during the City's annual budget process.

The grant application deadline is January 25, 2021, and a motion supporting the funding request must accompany the application submittal. The proposed grant project period is October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Resource Impact

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City in FY2021. In FY2022, there is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount the amount of \$145,255. Although the grantor does not require a cash match, if all 2,944 hours are worked under the grant during FY2022, there will be an estimated cost to the City of \$87,069.07.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

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

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