



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#21-0040

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2021

TITLE: Motion Accepting a Grant of up to \$400,000 from the Florida Inland
Navigation District (FIND) for George English Park Boat Ramp Renovation
Ph-II Replacement - **(Commission District 1)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the acceptance of a grant award from the Florida Inland Navigation District to fund up to 50% of the project cost for the renovation of the George English Park Boat Ramp, but not to exceed \$400,000.

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 provide public access to the District's waterways.

The Florida Department of Transportation recently replaced the Sunrise Boulevard bridge which crosses the Middle River. The new bridge is higher and provides larger vessel access to the George English Park boat ramp which has increased the facility's use. The current ramps are not designed for larger boat and trailer use and need to be renovated to meet area boater need. Staff applied for and was awarded funding by the Florida Boating Improvement Program for Phase-I. The Phase I project included the design and permitting of longer ramps and the addition of ADA accessible floating staging docks. Phase – I has been completed.

The City was awarded and accepted a grant from FIND for Phase II Construction assistance totaling \$400,000 (CAM 17-1375) in 2017. The City withdrew from this Grant with the intention of reapplying in February of 2020 due to concerns that construction would not be completed in time to avail itself to maximum funding assistance.

The City also applied for and was awarded a Broward County Boating Improvement Program Grant of \$218,553 in December of 2018. This project has already gone out to bid and a construction contract has been awarded to Segaris, Corp. for a total of \$991,945. In the event the City receives additional funding for the Project Costs from another source that was not identified in the original application, the City shall

proportionately reimburse FIND equal to the matching percentage set forth In the Project Agreement

The City Commission approved applying for this grant at its April 21, 2020 regular meeting (CAM 20-0264). This grant requires match by the City of \$400,000. The City will be required to utilize revenue generated from boat ramp use to maintain the facility during the project life. The Project Agreements requires that the Project site be dedicated to the public for a minimum period of twenty-five (25) years from the completion of the Project.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$400,000 for this grant acceptance. Funds for the grant match were appropriated from the Park Impact Fees Fund on December 2, 2020, which had an estimated available balance of \$4.5 Million before the appropriation which now has an estimated available balance of \$4.1 Million. Funds were appropriated with the Consolidated Budget Agreement CAM 20-0687 at the December 3, 2020 Commission meeting.

<i>Funds available as of December 17, 2020</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-P12186.129D-6599	George English Park Boat Ramp 2021	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
350-P12186.350-6599	George English Park Boat Ramp 2021 Match	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		\$800,000

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
- 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 – Project Agreement BR-FL-20-147

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