



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#21-0294**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** April 6, 2021

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application for \$8,663 to the  
Florida Inland Navigation District – Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal  
Program to Remove a Derelict Vessel from the New River –  
**(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding, in the amount of \$8,663, to the Florida Inland Navigation District – Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal program. This Grant requires a City match of \$2,887.

**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 area waterways through boat ramps, floating docks and derelict vessel removal.

A 41' vessel burned and sank on the South Fork of the New River on October 15, 2020 and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission authorized the City to remove the vessel on January 21, 2021. On February 22, 2012, Grady Marine Services removed the derelict vessel for the City at a cost of \$11,550.

The Florida Inland Navigation District Small Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program will fund up to 75%, or in this case \$8,663 of the costs needed to salvage and properly dispose of this derelict vessel. The remaining costs of \$2,887 to remove the vessel will be funded by a Broward County Boating Improvement Derelict Vessel Removal Grant which was awarded to the City in 2019.

**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 if awarded.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Public Places initiative.

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*.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 –Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 - Derelict Vessel Grant Application

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