



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

**#26-0250**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** March 19, 2026

**TITLE:** Resolution Delegating the City Manager Authority to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for a Grant of up to \$75,000 to Design and Permit Floating Docks at the George English Park Tennis Center Dock - **(Commission District 1)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding in the amount of \$75,000 to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) – Waterways Assistance Program (WAP) to design and permit floating docks at George English Park Tennis Center Dock located at 1101 Bayview Drive. This grant requires a City match of \$75,000.

**Background**

FIND administers the WAP to provide funding assistance to local governments within its jurisdiction to improve public access to the District’s waterways.

The George English Park Tennis Center is located along the bank of the George English Park Lagoon. Several years ago, a fixed concrete pier was constructed with a small aluminum floating dock installed on the west end of the pier. Over time, the floating dock has deteriorated and is now unstable, non-compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and in need of replacement.

The scope of this project includes the design and permitting of an ADA-accessible replacement dock at the west end of the pier, consisting of a new concrete floating dock system. Additionally, a second matching concrete floating dock will be designed on the east end of the pier to enhance public access and usability. The grant application does not include construction or installation of the floating docks.

The total estimated cost of the project scope is \$150,000. Funding of \$75,000 is being requested from FIND with a \$75,000 matching contribution from the City. The project does not have an existing funding allocation and, if awarded, would require a future budget appropriation.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. If awarded, the grant will be brought back to the City Commission for execution and appropriation.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Grant Pre-Application

Exhibit 2 – Grant Application

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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