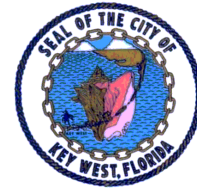


# Executive Summary



**To:** Patti McLauchlin, City Manager

**From:** Todd Stoughton, Assistant City Manager

**Date:** 12/27/2022

**RE:** Coral Reef Restoration Project

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## **Action:**

Respectfully request the City Commission to approve a one-year contract between the City of Key West and Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium in the amount of \$100,00.00 to provide assistance for coral reef restoration projects.

## **Background:**

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the City Commission passed via ordinance (second reading) an update to Chapter 80 'Key West Cruise Ship Regulations' establishing a funding mechanism via cruise ship disembarkation fees to provide funding for the express purpose to restore and maintain coral reefs adjacent to the City of Key West. As per Section 80-2, the City of Key West shall allocate funds for the Coral Reef Restoration via resolution annually.

## **Financial Impact:**

Funds have been budgeted for the FY2022-2023 year in the Adaptation and Sustainability Fund, account 108-3702-537-3100. These funds are the FY23 allocation of cruise ship disembarkation fee revenue as per Ordinance Number 22-07, Section 80-3.

## **Recommendation:**

Respectfully request the City Commission to approve the FY23 contract with Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium for the City's inaugural investment in Mote's Florida Keys Coral Disease Response & Restoration Initiative, authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents consistent therewith with the consent and advice of the City Attorney.