



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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CC: Todd Stoughton, Assistant City Manager
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DATE: Sep 14, 2021

SUBJECT: **Resolution Supporting FDOT Beautification Grant Application**

ACTION STATEMENT

Approve a resolution supporting a beautification grant application funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); authorizing staff to apply for the grant; authorizing City Manager to execute application, agreements, and documents associated with the grant.

BACKGROUND

The “Triangle” is FDOT right-of-way (ROW), and as such FDOT is responsible for landscaping and maintenance. However, City Community Services personnel currently provide twice-monthly maintenance of the area.

FDOT offers annual grant funding to beautify state ROW in exchange for maintenance agreements to be performed by the applying local entity. In exchange for funding new plantings and irrigation, the City would assume responsibility to maintain the improvements within the project limits.

Florida Administrative Code 14-40.020 Section 3 paragraph “e” requires an applicant’s governing body pass a resolution approving the grant application and authorizing the individual who signs the application to execute agreements and documents associated with the grant.

FDOT estimates that a maximum of \$100,000 is available per grant award this cycle. Matching funds are not required; however, matching funds are required for costs that are deemed ineligible

by the terms of the grant. Examples of ineligible costs include signage, lighting, and other fixed improvements unrelated to landscaping.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The Triangle is the gateway to Key West and the existing landscaping is in need of aesthetic improvement. Beautification of the Triangle will provide a distinct and positive impression of the City.

This grant application aligns with the 2011 Strategic Plan, Infrastructure Goal #1, “*A transportation system which is aesthetically attractive, functional, efficient, safe and environmentally sensitive.*”

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Should the grant be awarded, the City will take on maintenance responsibilities estimated to be \$8,000 -\$10,000 annually.

OPTIONS

Option 1: The Commission authorizes staff to apply for the grant to improve the Triangle. The City would agree to accept maintenance responsibility for the improvements within the project limits. Estimated Maintenance costs to be between \$8k-\$10k annually per Community Services.

Option 2: The City does not apply for the grant and continues working with FDOT and its contractors to improve the appearance of the State ROW. FDOT retains maintenance responsibility for the area.

Picture 1



Picture 2

