



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DATE: August 8, 2014

TO: Jim Scholl
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FROM: Janet Muccino

RE: Support the proposed activities as outlined in the 2015/2016 Local Government Funding Request to Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Rest Beach Renourishment activities. The City will act as a local sponsor and intends to regionalize with the State Division of Parks & Recreation.

Action Statement

City Commission support of proposed Rest Beach renourishment activities included in the 2015/2016 Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) submittal to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach Management Funding Assistance Program.

Project Issue

The FDEP, Beach Management Funding Assistance Program, requires an annual submittal of a LGFR as a method of funding grant projects for beach renourishment and related activities. The State Legislature will allocate money for the LGFR during the March 2015 hearings based on FDEP recommendations. Funding will become available in July 2015. The proposed renourishment activities in the City's 2015/2016 LGFR are required to be supported through resolution by the City Commission. A copy of this LGFR is attached.

The City is currently working to secure state and federal permits for periodic renourishment, mitigation and monitoring of Rest Beach. Beach renourishment and mitigation are scheduled to be completed in 2015. Funds received from the FDEP will be used to offset budgeted funds for seagrass mitigation and associated performance monitoring.

Financial Issues

The City's 2014/2015 proposed budget includes a funding request of \$507,000 for Rest Beach seagrass mitigation and monitoring. The attached LGFR requests a 50% cost share from the FDEP for the mitigation and monitoring. The City, as the local sponsor, intends to coordinate the planning, design, and construction of beach erosion control projects with the county or state (regionalization) to take advantage of identifiable cost savings. Regionalization could increase the State's cost share from 50% to 75% based on actual savings.

Recommendations

City staff recommends the City Commission support by resolution the proposed activities outlined in the 2015 / 2016 Local Government Funding Request to FDEP, Beach Management Funding Assistance Program for Rest Beach. Approval of this resolution will facilitate the City's request for a 50% cost share from the FDEP for Rest Beach renourishment related activities.