



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

DATE: September 22, 2011

TO: Jim Scholl, David Fernandez, Mark Finigan

FROM: Doug Bradshaw

RE: Support the proposed activities as outlined in the 2012 / 2013 Local Government Funding Requests to FDEP for Smathers & Rest beaches, the City will act as a local sponsor and the City intends to regionalize with the State Division of Parks & Recreation

### **Action Statement**

City Commission support of proposed beach renourishment activities included in the 2012/2013 Local Government Funding Requests (LGFR) submittal to FDEP Office of Beaches & Coastal Systems

### **Project Issue**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Office of Beaches and Coastal Systems, requires an annual submittal of a LGFR as a method of funding grant projects for beach renourishment activities. The proposed renourishment activities in the City's 2012/2013 LGFR is required to be supported through resolution by the City Commission. The attached plan is detailed for Smathers & Rest Beaches.

The City is currently working to secure state and federal permits for periodic renourishment and monitoring of Smathers & Rest beaches. The City intends to plan and construct its future beach renourishment projects with Fort Taylor State Park Beach which could increase the State's cost share from 50% to 75%. Funds received from the FDEP can be used for permitting, design, construction, mitigation and pre, during & post monitoring events. The legislature will allocate the money for the LGFR during the March 2012 hearings based on FDEP recommendations and the funds will become available in July 2012.

## **Financial Issues**

The City's 2011/2012 proposed budget includes funds to complete the 2011/2012 monitoring requirements for the recently completed Smathers beach renourishment. The money was approved by resolution 11-090.

The City anticipates budgeting approximately \$350,000 in fiscal year 2012/2013 for the Rest Beach renourishment

As a result of past submittals to DEP the City is currently entered into cost share grant agreement, 06-MO1, with the DEP for Smathers Beach; the State's share is \$438,945. The City is processing the final reimbursement for 06-MO1 for the recently renourished Smathers beach.

In 2005 Rest Beach received a \$120,000 50/50 grant that was used for permitting and design which is on-going.

## **Options**

### 1.) Support the Local Government Funding Request

**Advantages:** The advantages to supporting the activities in the LGFR is that it makes the city eligible for a FDEP cost share agreement when funds are allocated for City projects. The plan assists the City in meeting FEMA requirements for funding post disaster public assistance.

**Disadvantages:** there are no disadvantages to adopting the LGFR

### 2) Do not support the LGFR

**Advantages:** there are no advantages to not supporting the LGFR

**Disadvantages:** the disadvantage to not supporting the LGFR is that the city will not be eligible for beach funding from FDEP

## **Recommendations**

City staff recommends the City Commission support by resolution the proposed activities as outlined in the 2012 / 2013 Local Government Funding Requests to FDEP for Smathers & Rest beaches, the City will act as a local sponsor and the City intends to regionalize with the State Division of Parks & Recreation

*Key to the Caribbean – average yearly temperature 77 ° Fahrenheit.*