



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To: City Commissioners

From: Enid Torregrosa, Historic Preservation Planner

Through: Amy Kimball-Murley, Planning Director

Meeting Date: October 19, 2010

RE: A Resolution accepting a Small Matching Grant of \$38,250.00, and executing a Historic Preservation Grant Award Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Grant No. F1005

ACTION STATEMENT:

Request: A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the Historic Preservation Grant Award Agreement for \$38,250.00 from the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Grant No. F1005. The purpose of the grant is to update the Historic Resources Survey of Key West.

Location: City-wide

BACKGROUND:

On December 15, 2009, the City Commission approved Resolution 09-332 authorizing the submission of a \$50,000.00 matching grant application to the Florida Department of State, Historic Resources Division. The grant will be used to review the Historic Resources Survey of Key West, to include historic structures that have attributes to be listed in the survey and to update existing data on the inventory.

The City has been awarded \$38,250.00 of the requested \$50,000.00. The state has informed the city that the remaining requested amount, \$11,750.00, will be added at a later date by an amendment to the Grant Award Agreement (these funds have been appropriated by the state but not allocated yet through the Legislative Budget Commission). Once the additional award is available an amended agreement for the full \$50,000 will be presented to the city commission for consideration. The required \$50,000 match for the grant is approved as part of the city's 2010-2010 annual budget.

The City of Key West possesses one of the richest and most significant historic districts within the nation. On January 19, 2005, the City Commission adopted Resolution 05-047

for the approval of the 2004 Historic Resources Survey for Key West. Since that last survey many existing resources within the city limits have become eligible to be considered historic and contributing, pursuant to the Code of Ordinances.

In addition, the City's Certified Local Government Agreement, dated June 12, 1991, with the Historic Preservation Division of the Florida Department of State, requires that the City of Key West maintain a system for survey and inventory of historic properties and continues an approved process to identify historic properties within the jurisdiction. The last survey, completed in 2004, was funded in part by grants.

The Historic Resources Survey is one of the main references for the historic architectural review commission when reviewing a Certificate of Appropriateness application. The Survey is also the main resource for updating current data and for including existing structures that meet the criteria to be listed as historic and contributing resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Options / Advantages / Disadvantages:

Option 1. Approve the Resolution

1. **Consistency with the City's Strategic Plan, Vision, and Mission:** The strategic plan is silent on historic preservation issues.
2. **Financial Impact:** The City has budgeted \$50,000 in matching funds for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for this project.

Option 2. Do not approve the Resolution

1. **Consistency with the City's Strategic Plan, Vision, and Mission:** The strategic plan is silent on historic preservation issues.
2. **Financial Impact:** No financial impact.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1, Approval of the resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the Historic Preservation Grant Award Agreement for \$38,250.00 from the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Grant No. F1005.