

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



To: City Commissioners

From: Enid Torregrosa, MSHP, Historic Preservation Planner

Through: Donald Leland Craig, AICP, Planning Director

Meeting Date: November 1, 2011

RE: A Resolution accepting and approving a grant award agreement in the amount of \$10,440 for 2012 State of Florida Preserve America Historic Preservation Grant, Grant Number 12PA05- Key West Historic Preservation Forum, providing for an effective date.

ACTION STATEMENT:

Request: A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the 2012 State of Florida Preserve America Historic Preservation Grant, Grant Number 12PA05 for a total grant award of \$10,440 from the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources. The purpose of the grant is for a Key West Historic Preservation Forum.

Location: City-wide

BACKGROUND:

The Department of State, Division of Historical Resources has awarded the City with \$10,440 as a matching grant for the creation of a Historic Preservation Forum. The awarded grant is under the Federal program Preserve America; the City of Key West was recognized as one of the first eight Preserve America Communities by the First Lady Laura Bush in 2004.

The Historic Preservation Forum will be a two day event that will be held at Old City Hall. The main themes will be on economic development through Cultural Heritage Tourism – how historic preservation efforts enhance tourism and review and compliance-reviewing proposed projects and understanding the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation as well as historic buildings and the Florida Building Code. Historic preservation professionals affiliated with national and statewide historic preservation organizations will serve as forum speakers and presenters. The Forum will serve as an educational tool for the Historic Architectural Review Commission, architects, engineers, contractors, business community, historic preservation advocates and general public.

The City will match in-kind with \$10,440. The in-kind match will consist of the use of the Old City Hall for the Forum, televising of forum and the project management and coordination.

The City of Key West possesses one of the richest and most significant historic districts within the nation. The City has been recognized by the Florida Department of State and the Secretary Of the Interior as a Certified Local Government since June 12, 1991. The City Comprehensive Plan stipulates in one of its goals the promotion of public education, awareness and appreciation of historic, architectural and archaeological 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 will match the \$10,440 with in-kind services.

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.