

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION (HARC) OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AS REQUIRED TO MATCH AWARDED GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES SPECIAL CATEGORY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE STABILIZATION AND WEATHERIZATION OF THE HISTORIC DIESEL ENERGY PLANT AT 100 ANGELA STREET/ GERALDINE STREET.

WHEREAS, creation of the Historic Architecture Review Commission (HARC), by City Charter, includes the responsibility to protect the integrity and ensure the conservation of historic structures owned by the City for the educational, economic and cultural welfare of the citizens of the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of **January 28, 2025**, the HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION (HARC) recommended that the City Commission approve the allocation of Nine Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$990,000) of the city budget for fiscal year 2026, for the purpose of matching awarded grant funds, upon certain terms and conditions described in the attached proposed City Commission Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources will award \$984,500 under its Historic Preservation Grants Program, Special Category Grant to the City of Key West for the preservation and stabilization of the Historic Diesel Plant located at 100 Angela Street, pursuant to the Legislature and Governor final approval; and

WHEREAS, the allocated funds of the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Special Category Grant must be matched by the awardee. The amount of the match shall be Nine Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$990,000); and

WHEREAS, an executed grant agreement between the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and the City of Key West will be executed on or about July 1, 2025 and will have a duration of two years, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the finalized Grant Award Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City Commission of Key West passed resolution No 18-238 (attached) and the City of Key West Architecture Review Commission (HARC) passed HARC resolution 2018-01 (attached) which allowed for the demolition of select buildings on the campus of the Historic Diesel Electric Generating Plant site. The following was adopted by inclusion:

"The Historic Architectural Review Commission requests the City Commission to lead by example and take steps to minimize future damage of these historic buildings, to preserve Buildings 1, 2, 3a, and 4, and to bring them back with an adaptive use compatible with the adjacent Bahama Village neighborhood and the new Truman Waterfront Park. With June 1st 2019 being the given date by the Chief Building Official to comply with his orders; long-lead funding and restoration plans should be immediately pursued to allow for funding cycle times."

WHEREAS, HARC Resolution 2018-01 also included the following:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Historic Architectural Review Commission concludes that the main goal for the City Commission, as owners of the Diesel Generating Plant, shall be to prevent any additional loss of the historic fabric of the buildings by preserving the historically significant structures and their contents, and place the buildings in a new use that is compatible and sensitive to the historic character of the site.

WHEREAS, The City of Key West Comprehensive Plan adopted March 5, 2013, includes Chapter 1A: Historic Preservation Element in which it states:

Chapter 1A Policy 1A-1.2.10: Prevent Loss of Historic Structures. There shall be no loss of historic resources on City-Owned properties. Sensitive adaptive re-use of historic structures shall be encouraged as an alternative to demolition. Amended Land Development Regulations shall encourage that historic resources on private property be protected, preserved, or re-used in a manner sensitive to the historic properties of the site and/or structure. Reference Objective 5-1.9 of the Coastal Management Element.

WHEREAS, it is the HARC Commission's intention that the stabilization effort made possible by these combined federal, state and city government funds will be the first steps toward a comprehensive effort of developing a long-term adaptive reuse/ preservation program for the Key West Electric Generating Plant.

Passed and adopted by the Historic Architectural Review Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____ 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on _____ 2025.

Chairman	Haven Burkee	_____
Vice Chairman	Gregory Oropeza	_____
Commissioner	Bryan Green	_____
Commissioner	Aileen Osborn	_____
Commissioner	Alan Nations	_____
Commissioner	Allen Perez	_____

Haven Burkee, RA, HARC Chairman

ATTEST:

Kiya Tabb, HARC CLERK