



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 3, 2025

To: BVRAC Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Via: Engineering Department

From: Keith Bring
Project Manager Engineering

Subject: **Martin Luther King Jr. Pool Land & Water Conservation Grant Application Recommendation**

Introduction

Martin Luther King Jr. Pool was built in 1957, including the notation of a historic structure. It has been identified that if a list of repairs/improvements to the existing facility are completed there is potential to gain another 7-10 years of life expectancy out of the aquatic facility. It has been identified by the structural engineer that the existing facility is safe to operate for daily activity, while noting that there will need to be ongoing maintenance and upgrade repairs.

Background

The improvements to Martin Luther King Jr. Pool include the renovations of the existing two-story masonry building, existing solar panel system and roofing and adding a new roof system, new impact rated exterior windows and doors, new interior doors, new exterior paint, new interior finishes and painting, insulation of rooms to be air conditioned, possible relocation of the second-floor chemical room, code compliance review, new plumbing fixtures and restroom accessories, modifications to the front knee wall, modifications to adjacent planters (exterior drainage), re-plaster the pool, evaluate and specify new pool equipment, evaluate and specify new air-conditioning systems for the downstairs rooms (2) and the upstairs lifeguard station room, re-locate the electrical panel upstairs, electrical upgrades. Additional potential improvements include remove and repair pool decking, new wastewater infrastructure, and any unforeseen scope that arises through the process.

Procurement

LWCF (Land & Water Conservation Fund Program) grant opportunity for Martin Luther King Jr. Pool Renovation Project can be very beneficial, where staff attended a webinar to gain proper information, to move forward with that application process. Potentially, if the City is awarded this grant, the intended project including additional scope would allow staff to provide renovation upgrades to the pool facility without a multi-phased approach.

Recommendation

City Manager's office has reviewed and approved applying for the (NPS/FDEP) Land & Water Conservation Fund Program Grant, that has a maximum funding ask of \$1,500,000.00 with a 50/50 match. Staff's recommendation is to move forward with the grant application through the (LWCF) with the maximum ask of \$1,500,000.00, and if funded can incorporate additional scope that has been identified including new waste water infrastructure, conditioned 2nd floor buildout including new lifeguard office & training space, With the support from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board it will show support within the grant application review and scoring process.