



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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Executive Summary

TO: Bob Vitas
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FROM: Janet Muccino

DATE: November 20, 2012

RE: Approve entering into an Inter-local Agreement with Monroe County Tourist Development Council for the Phase II renourishment of Smathers Beach in the amount of \$187,500

Action Statement

Request is made for approval of an inter-local agreement with the Monroe County TDC for Phase II renourishment of Smathers Beach in the amount of \$187,500

Background

The City of Key West applied and has been approved for a 50/50 matching grant from the Monroe County TDC in the amount of \$187,500 for permitting, construction & CEI for the placement of approximately 5,345 tons of sand on the easterly end of Smathers Beach. In 2011 the City placed 17,500 tons on Smathers beach but due to continued erosion this was not enough sand to complete the whole beach. The City's beach consultant, Atkins North America, has applied for FDEP & Army Corps maintenance permits to complete the renourishment and to perform periodic placements in the future. We expect to receive the permits by the first of the year and place the sand before turtle nesting season begins on April 15th.

Purpose & Justification

The purpose of applying for TDC cost share grants is to reduce the cost of the taxpayers and to provide a beautiful beach for residents and tourists alike.

Financial Issues

The total Phase II amount of \$375,000 has been budgeted in the city's 12/13 budget from the 103 Fort Taylor fund. The TDC will reimburse the city up to \$187,500 (50%) of the total project cost. All previous TDC grant projects have been completed and all TDC reimbursements have been received by the City.

Options

Approving the grant will save the city money and improve the beach. Entering into inter-local agreements with TDC is a good way to complete a project which benefits both county & city citizens. Disapproving the grant will cost the city money and the beach will erode more.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the inter-local agreement with the TDC.

MEMORANDUM