



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DATE: July 15, 2015

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
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RE: Support the proposed activities as outlined in the 2016/2017 Local Government Funding Request to Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Rest Beach Renourishment activities. The City will act as a local sponsor and intends to regionalize with the State Division of Parks & Recreation and Monroe County.

Action Statement

City Commission support of proposed Rest Beach renourishment activities included in the 2016/2017 Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) submittal to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach Management Funding Assistance Program.

Project Issue

The FDEP Beach Management Funding Assistance Program requires an annual submittal of a LGFR as a method of funding grant projects for beach renourishment and related activities. The State Legislature will allocate money for the LGFR during the March 2016 hearings based on FDEP recommendations. Funding will become available in July 2016. The proposed renourishment activities in the City's 2016/2017 LGFR are required to be supported through resolution by the City Commission. A copy of this LGFR is attached.

The City received an FDEP permit for in March 2015, and is currently working to secure a federal permit for periodic renourishment, mitigation and monitoring of Rest Beach. Beach renourishment and mitigation are scheduled to be completed as soon as the federal permit is issued. Funds received from the FDEP will be used to offset budgeted funds for construction, construction monitoring, seagrass mitigation and associated performance monitoring.

Financial Issues

City Commission approved FY 2014/2015 budget includes \$859,840 for sand placement and pre and post renourishment requirements. \$576,979 is currently funded for seagrass mitigation, with an additional \$173,000 requested in FY 2015/16. Total current estimate for Rest Beach is \$1,559,840. The attached LGFR requests a 50% cost share from the FDEP for the seagrass mitigation and monitoring component of the project. The City, as the local sponsor, intends to coordinate the planning, design, and construction of beach erosion control projects with the county or state (regionalization) to take advantage of identifiable cost savings. Regionalization could increase the State's cost share from 50% to 75% based on actual savings.

Recommendations

City staff recommends the City Commission support, by resolution, the proposed activities outlined in the 2016 / 2017 Local Government Funding Request to FDEP Beach Management Funding Assistance Program for Rest Beach. Approval of this resolution will facilitate the City's request for a 50% cost share from the FDEP for Rest Beach renourishment related activities.