



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DATE: September 24, 2012

TO: Bob Vitas, David Fernandez, Mark Finigan

FROM: Janet Muccino

RE: Support the proposed activities as outlined in the 2013 / 2014 Local Government Funding Requests to FDEP for Smathers & Rest beaches, the City will act as a local sponsor and the City intends to regionalize with the State Division of Parks & Recreation

Action Statement

City Commission support of proposed beach renourishment activities included in the 2013/2014 Local Government Funding Requests (LGFR) submittal to FDEP Office of Beaches & Coastal Systems

Project Issue

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Office of Beaches and Coastal Systems, requires an annual submittal of a LGFR as a method of funding grant projects for beach renourishment activities. The proposed renourishment activities in the City's 2013/2014 LGFR is required to be supported through resolution by the City Commission. The attached plan is detailed for Smathers & Rest Beaches.

The City is currently working to secure state and federal permits for periodic renourishment and monitoring of Smathers & Rest beaches. The City intends to plan and construct its future beach renourishment projects with Fort Taylor State Park Beach which could increase the State's cost share from 50% to 75%. Funds received from the FDEP can be used for permitting, design, construction, mitigation and pre, during & post monitoring events. The legislature will allocate the money for the LGFR during the March 2013 hearings based on FDEP recommendations and the funds will become available in July 2013.

Financial Issues

The City's 2013/2014 proposed budget includes funds to complete the 2011/2012 monitoring requirements for the recently completed Smathers beach renourishment. The money was approved by resolution 11-090.

The City has budgeting approximately \$403,300 in fiscal year 2012/2013 for the Rest Beach renourishment

In 2006 the City entered into cost share grant agreement 06-MO1 with DEP, for Smathers Beach; the State's share was \$438,945. The City has received the final reimbursement for 06-MO1 for the renourished Smathers beach.

In 2008 agreement 08-MO2 for Rest Beach design & permitting, the State's share was \$60,000 the grant was used for permitting and design. The City has received the final reimbursement for 08-MO2 for Rest Beach .

Options

1.) Support the Local Government Funding Request

Advantages: The advantages to supporting the activities in the LGFR is that it makes the city eligible for a FDEP cost share agreement when funds are allocated for City projects. The plan assists the City in meeting FEMA requirements for funding post disaster public assistance.

Disadvantages: there are no disadvantages to adopting the LGFR

2) Do not support the LGFR

Advantages: there are no advantages to not supporting the LGFR

Disadvantages: the disadvantage to not supporting the LGFR is that the city will not be eligible for beach funding from FDEP

Recommendations

City staff recommends the City Commission support by resolution the proposed activities as outlined in the 2013 / 2014 Local Government Funding Requests to FDEP for Smathers & Rest beaches, the City will act as a local sponsor and the City intends to regionalize with the State Division of Parks & Recreation

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