



Executive Summary

To: Bogdan Vitas, City Manager

From: Jim Fitton, Port & Transit Director

Via: David Fernandez, Assistant City Manager, Operations
Mark Finigan, Assistant City Manager, Administration

Date: October 22, 2012

Re: **ACCEPTANCE OF A DHS PORT SECURITY GRANT**

ACTION ITEM

This is a request to accept a \$90,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). Grant No. EMW-2012-PU-00056. And to authorize the City Manager to allow for the amendment of the FY 2013 operating budget to reflect the new grant proceeds and the corresponding expenditures.

BACKGROUND

In April, 2012 Port Operations and the Key West Police Department submitted a joint PSGP grant request to replace the police barricades on Mallory Square with ornate retractable fencing, and to install two boatlifts for the ready response police vessels. The total amount for the projects was \$60,000, which included \$45,000 from DHS and a \$15,000 match from the City of Key West. In September, 2012 the City was notified that it had been approved for a total of \$120,000 which included \$90,000 from DHS and a \$30,000 match from the City. The increase was not requested by the City. Any funding not used for port security projects will be returned to DHS.

PROJECTS

The security gates for Mallory include replacing the temporary crowd control style barricades with a retractable system of panels that could unfold accordion style from the base of the T-Pier to the security pavilion on Mallory Square. When not in use the panels would be retracted and stored on the T-pier behind the security gate. The panels will match the existing fixed security fencing and has been approved by the Coast Guard for MTSA requirements and HARC for appearance. A portion of the additional funds will be used to install matching fencing around the mooring bollards on Mallory Square which wasn't identified as a potential security issue until after the initial grant submission. Those lower fences are approved by the Coast Guard, but will require HARC approval.

The KWPD boatlifts will be used to maintain ready response vessels to rapidly respond to any security violations at the cruise ship terminals and for response for other police calls. Currently the boats are

trailed and require a significant amount of time to be towed to the ramp in Garrison Bight, launched, and then transit to the Key West harbor area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Port Operations budgeted funds to cover the 25% City match for the Mallory Square security improvements, Acct 001-4302-543-4600.

KWPD has identified funds to cover the 25% City match for the boatlifts from the Forfeiture Account

OPTIONS:

1. Approval of this request will allow the City to improve both the physical security for cruise ships and the overall visual appeal of Mallory Square. It will also provide an enhanced response capability by the KWPD to security violations.

2. Disapproval will result in maintaining the status quo for security at Mallory Square and for Police response.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.