



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TO:** Patti McLauchlin, City Manager  
Todd Stoughton, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Carolyn Sheldon, Senior Grants Administrator

**DATE:** August 2, 2022

**RE:** **Tourist Development Council Grant Award Agreement  
Smathers Beach Pavilions**

#### **ACTION STATEMENT:**

Resolution approving the Grant Award Agreement to accept the Tourist Development Council (TDC) grant for the Smathers Beach Pavilions Project in an amount not to exceed \$198,000.00 to assist with the construction of new pavilions. The necessary budget amendments or transfers to accept the funding will be approved.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Key West submitted an application on April 27, 2022 for TDC funding from their 2023 Bricks and Mortar Capital Projects funding cycle to assist with the construction of new pavilions at Smathers Beach.

The District I Advisory Committee (DAC I) approved funds for the project on June 29, 2022. The attached Grant Award Agreement will go before the Board of County Commissioners for approval in October.

#### **PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Smathers Beach is one of the largest Key West beaches and is well known by thousands of visitors annually. It is a popular spring break destination and offers numerous amenities including beach volleyball nets, jet ski rentals, restrooms, shower facilities, and volleyball courts. Despite these wonderful features, the current pavilions have deteriorated, and they need to be demolished and replaced with updated pavilions. The construction of new pavilions would provide beachgoers an improved shaded place to gather.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This project supports the Key West Forward Strategic Plan *Priority 5: Cleanliness*, by addressing quality of life for community members. Respondents to the survey mentioned the need for cleaner public spaces (parks and recreational spaces). Also, within *Priority 5: under Goal 2: Accountability* there is the requirement to inspect the condition of public space equipment, which has led to identifying the need for the beach pavilion replacement

*Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Expenses estimated at \$198,000.00 for the Smathers Beach Pavilions Project will be budgeted in FY 2022-2023 Fund 101, Account 1017201-5726300 (Infrastructure Surtax / Parks and Recreation / Infrastructure) with the one cent sales surtax as the revenue source. Grant revenues of \$198,000.00 will be budgeted in Account 1010000-3377001 (Infrastructure Surtax / Revenue / TDC Grant) to reimburse the City for the Pavilion Project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approving the attached Grant Award Agreement to accept the Tourist Development Council (TDC) grant for the Smathers Beach Pavilions Project in an amount not to exceed \$198,000.00 to assist with the construction of new pavilions.