



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TO:** Patti McLauchlin, City Manager

**FROM:** Karen A. Wilman, RA LEED AP, Assistant Engineer

**CC:** Todd Stoughton, Assistant City Manager  
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**DATE:** September 07, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **FDOT Beautification Grant Application 2022/23**  
**Landscaping at New Welcome Sign**

## ACTION STATEMENT

Approve a resolution supporting a beautification grant application funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); authorizing staff to apply for the grant; authorizing City Manager to execute application, agreements, and documents associated with the grant.

## BACKGROUND

FDOT offers annual grant funding to beautify state ROW in exchange for maintenance agreements to be performed by the applying local entity. In exchange for funding new plantings and irrigation, the City would assume responsibility to maintain the improvements within the project limits in perpetuity.

The City was awarded a \$100,000 Grant in 2021 for landscaping in the median of US 1 ROW (State Rd 5) from Cow Key Bridge to the intersection of Roosevelt Boulevard (Site Plan- Phase One).

This 2022 Grant request would be for Landscaping at the New Welcome Sign, located in one of three possible locations (Site Plan- Phase Two) along US 1 ROW. The 2022 Grant Application request would complete the landscape work to beautify the entry Triangle.

In accordance with Florida Administrative Code 14-40.020 Section (3) Grant Application (e) an applicant is required to have their governing body pass a resolution approving the grant application and authorizing the individual who signs the application to execute agreements and documents associated with the grant.

FDOT estimates that a maximum of \$100,000 is available per grant award this cycle.

## **PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The Triangle is the gateway to Key West and the existing landscaping is in need of aesthetic improvement. Beautification of the Triangle through enhanced landscaping will provide a positive first impression and welcome visitors to the island.

This project supports the City's strategic plan, *Key West Forward*, Priority 5: Cleanliness, Goal 3 Community Action (Beautification Committee).

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The City estimates that the Landscaping at the New Welcome Sign will not exceed the \$100,000 grant request.

Should the grant be awarded, the City will take on maintenance responsibilities estimated to be \$16,000-\$18,000 annually.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval for a resolution supporting a beautification grant application funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); authorizing staff to apply for the grant; authorizing City Manager to execute application, agreements, and documents associated with the grant.