MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Christina Bervaldi
Finance Director

Subject: **File ID 25-4323 Approving the attached Standard Grant Agreement No. 26MO1**

Introduction

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commissioners approve the attached "State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement" FDEP Agreement Number 26MO1 in the amount of $880,207.00 State / $880,207.00 City Match (total project amount $1,760,414.00) for the Smathers Beach Nourishment and Monitoring Project. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents upon advice and consent of the City Attorney. Authorizing approval and execution of subsequent amendments to this grant agreement which may adjust grant funding allocations to the City or modify the project scope and period of performance. Authorizing necessary budget amendments and transfers to accept the funding.

Background

The City of Key West applied for Beach Management Funding in July 2024. Funding was awarded July 2025. To fund this grant, FDEP reallocated funds remaining from previous fiscal year appropriations.

Recognizing the importance of the state's beaches, the Florida Legislature in 1986 adopted a posture of protecting and restoring the state's beaches through a comprehensive beach management planning program. The program evaluates beach erosion problems throughout the state seeking viable solutions. The program is authorized by Section 161.101, Florida Statutes, and rules of Chapter 62B-36, F.A.C.

Funding for Florida's critically eroded beaches is managed by the Beach Management Funding Assistance Program. The program provides and manages grants to local governments for planning and implementing beach and inlet management projects on the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, or Straits of

Florida to protect upland structures and infrastructure, provide critical habitat for threatened and endangered species, provide recreational opportunities, and support local economies through tourism.

Procurement

With the approval of Agreement No. 26MO1, the City will receive up to a maximum reimbursement amount of $880,207.00 for the Smathers Beach Nourishment and Monitoring Project to be budgeted in Account 1030000 3349000 / Project FT19002501 (Fort Taylor Surcharge / Revenue / State Other). Grant eligible costs, including the City's match amount of $880,207.00 will be budgeted in Account 1031900 5194600 / Project FT19002501 (Fort Taylor Surcharge / Non-Departmental / Repairs and Maintenance).

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the City Commission approve the attached "State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement" FDEP Agreement Number 26MO1 for the Smathers Beach Nourishment and Monitoring Project.