

Meeting Date: 02/20/2024

Proposed Resolution No. R24-033- Approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant application, accept the grant, and execute all documents associated with the grant subject to the approval of the City Attorney for the Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant (FBIP) for the Phase Two - Construction of the boat ramps and dock at Pioneer Canal Park, and authorize the Project Manager from Construction Services - Public Works Department to serve as the project manager on behalf of the City.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution No. R24-033.

Explanation of Request: The Public Works Department is applying for a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant (FBIP). The program aims to fund Phase Two - Construction of the boat ramps and dock at Pioneer Canal Park, which was closed in June 2023 due to structural failures.

The proposed project includes:

- Constructing new ramps
- Parking spaces for boats with trailers
- Vehicular parking with ADA requirements
- ADA sidewalk access

The City is submitting an application for funding for the FBIP for up to \$850,000 with a local match of 26%. This is a reimbursable grant program, and if awarded, grant funds will be disbursed to the City only after pre-approved deliverables have been met or completion of the project occurs. The program guidelines were published on January 19, 2024, and the application deadline is March 1, 2024.

If awarded, the grant documents require the City to comply with the following:

- Site Dedication: Land and facilities owned by the recipient that are developed with funds from FBIP shall be dedicated for a minimum of twenty (20) years as a boating access site for the use and benefit of the public.
- Real Property: In accordance with s. 287.05805, F.S., any state funds provided for the
 purchase of or improvements to real property are contingent upon the political
 subdivision granting to the State a security interest in the property for a minimum of the
 amount of state funds provided for at least five (5) years from the date of purchase or the
 completion of the improvements or as further required by law. The City will need to

review this requirement with the SFWMD.

- The project must start within 60 days of execution of the agreement.
- The City must have site control. If the project will occur over or in a navigable body of water, or if the project is on sovereign submerged lands; the City must obtain authorization to use the lands through a lease or easement within 6 months after grant award. The City will need to renew its permit with SFWMD to comply with this provision.

How will this affect city programs or services?

This improvement will provide access to waterway/boat recreation activities to our residents and surrounding areas.

Fiscal Impact: The FBIP grant is expected to cost up to \$850,000 overall in phase II throughout the project's lifecycle. Up to 26% cost share will be the City's fiscal responsibility.

Attachments:

Resolution No. R24-033- Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant.docx

FBIP - Program Guidelines.pdf

FBIP - Draft Application.pdf