



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Memo Date: October 27, 2020
Agenda Date: November 10, 2020
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Requested Action:

Approve the Budget Resolution and BAF 21-023-A recognizing the FIND Grant Funding Revenue (BV-CO-20-146 - Phase 1), for the design and permitting related to the boat ramps restoration at Lee Wenner Park.

BACKGROUND:

Previously, the City of Cocoa and the Cocoa CRA updated the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency Plan. The plan included rebuilding and hardening of several amenities damaged beyond repair during Hurricane Irma with included enhancements previously contemplated in the plan. The completed amenities include the shoreline of Lee Wenner Park, T-dock, Day Slips, and the Riverfront Park Promenade. With the acquisition of the remaining parcels of Lee Wenner Park from Brevard County in 2017 many other improvements were identified in addition to those in the original plan.

The docking amenities were recently completed and opened for public use. In addition to the public docking facilities the park also serves as a regional public boat launching facility. The boat launching facility is currently in need of structural repair to the ramps as well as the finger launching piers. The improvements were deemed eligible for submission of a Florida Inland Navigational District (FIND) grant and on March 11, 2020, City Council approved the grant application for this project.

The grant was subsequently awarded through FIND for the current funding cycle. The grant allows for up to a 50% reimbursement for phase one activities that include design, permitting and engineering. Phase two activities include demolition and reconstruction of the existing ramps and embankments, as well as re-stabilizing the existing launching docks and will be submitted as part of the upcoming FIND grant submission period in March 2021. The facilities will be evaluated for additional user enhancements and resiliency measures. It is anticipated the construction would begin in 2021 if awarded.

The Cocoa CRA budgeted for the expense and BAF#21-021-A provides a transfer to the general fund as the Grant Agreement and Award can only be executed with the City. The transfer from the CRA will provide the matching amount of \$25,000 for the grant to account 001-3520-572.31-13 (Project GR2105).

STRATEGIC PLAN CONNECTION:

The improvement of the waterfront amenities creates a more attractive and diverse destination resulting in more economic opportunities.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Budgeted	No
If not budgeted, is amendment/transfer attached?	Yes

BAF#21-023-A

Amount Requested	\$ 25,000
Account Number	001-0000-337.30-18
Account Name	Find BV-CO-20-146 BT Ramp GR2105

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(Total Budget of \$50,000, with the transfer from the Cocoa CRA)

Source of Funds: ☐ State Revolving Loan
 ☐ Other Loan Source: ☐
 ☒ Grant Source: FIND - BV-CO-20-146
 ☐ Bond: ☐
 ☐ Reserves Source: ☐
 ☐ Transfer Acct #: ☐

PREVIOUS ACTION:

On March 11, 2020, City Council approved the FIND grant application which was subsequently awarded by FIND.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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