



City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Rick Gierok, Interim City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2026

RE: Resolution Number 2026-75: Lake Willie Boardwalk Appropriations from Florida Legislature

Introduction:

Resolution Number 2026-75 formally authorizes the acceptance of legislative line-item grant funds in the amount of \$350,000 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Lake Willie Boardwalk Renovation Project. It authorizes the Interim City Manager to execute the future grant agreement, amendments, and reimbursement requests, commit site control and specified matching funds, and provides an effective date.

Background:

The 2026 Florida Legislature appropriated funding in the amount of \$350,000 for the development of Lake Willie Boardwalk Renovation as approved by Governor Ron DeSantis. The appropriation amount identified for the project, according to the Department of Financial Services' requirements, is to be administered as a cost reimbursement grant administered by the Land and Recreation Grants Section within the Division of State Lands.

Budget/Staff Impact:

The \$350,000 State appropriation will be incorporated into the project's multi-agency funding structure, which also includes FY 2026-2027 City of Eustis Capital Improvement Budget.

Upon completion of the project, the City will receive reimbursement from the FY 2025-2026 and State Appropriations through FDEP. After reimbursements are applied for a total of \$350,000, the net budget for the project will be \$700,000.

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Attachments:

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