



STAFF REPORT

Regular City Commission Meeting

March 28, 2024

To: Elected Officials

From: Dale L. Martin, City Manager

Date: March 28, 2024

Item Name: Resolution 2024-20 a resolution by the City of Flagler Beach, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Florida Inland Navigational District for the 2024 Grant Cycle; providing for conflict and effective date.

Background: The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) offers competitive funding through its 2024 Waterways Assistance Program. In summary, "Project types eligible for funding include public navigation, public waterway access facilities, waterfront parks, environmental education and boating safety projects directly related to the waterways. Funding is provided at a "50/50" match with local funds.

The City's proposed project to submit for funding is the improvement of State land located on the western shore of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) beneath the State Route 100 (Moody Boulevard) bridge. The site is currently heavily overgrown with invasive vegetation (Brazilian pepper trees). The site is frequently used for shore-based fishing. Once appropriately cleared, the visibility and accessibility of the site will be significantly enhanced.

The project seeks funding to clear the site of the invasive vegetation, enhancing the visibility and accessibility of the site. The project also includes the installation of approximately 100' x 8' of "paver blocks" to provide off-street parking for approximately four vehicles. Two picnic tables are also proposed for the site.

The proposed project was endorsed by the City's Ad Hoc Parks Committee and by Flagler County FIND Commissioner Randy Stapleford.

The project will likely be submitted on a conditional basis: it appears that two different State agencies have authority over the subject parcel. The agency of authority must be clarified before the project can be started.

The grant application is due (electronically) to the FIND office by no later than April 1, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: The cost of the project is estimated at \$15,000: commercial clearance of vegetation, paver blocks, and picnic tables. If awarded, the project will be funded through the General Fund, Recreation Department, Line 001.5800.606300 (Improvements).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 2024-20

Attachments: 2024 Waterways Assistance Program Application (portion), Correspondence, D. Martin to D. English (March 4, 2024; with attachments) Correspondence, D. English to D. Martin (March 15, 2024) Proposed Resolution 2024-20.