



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council, Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** September 5, 2023
FROM: Mike Null, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of reimbursable matching grant agreement with Clay County BOCC in the amount of \$25,000 to construct two additional mooring dolphins to better facilitate larger vessels at the City Pier. *Mike Null*

BACKGROUND

City Staff applied for, and was awarded, a grant from the Clay Tourist Development Council (TDC) to construct two additional mooring dolphins at the City Pier. The TDC, City staff and local businesses are coordinating a joint effort to provide a better experience for cruise passengers, and others, that visit the City. One component of this experience is the facilities. In calendar year 2024, American Cruise Lines is visiting twice as many times with two vessels, one of which is larger than the current one.

This grant is a 50/50 matching grant with up to \$25,000 available from the County. At the time of grant application, the City had two quotes of \$30,000 and \$50,000 to construct the two dolphins. Staff is working to quickly update pricing and award the project as the lead time is approximately 6 months.

Staff is seeking approval for the mayor to execute this grant agreement so that staff may move forward *post haste* with construction.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is available in the FY 23 approved CIP budget.

RECOMMENDATION

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