

**MEMORANDUM  
Grants Department**



**MEETING DATE:** August 8, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Maria Covelli, Grants Coordinator  
**THROUGH:** George Garrett, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Grants Report**

The Grants Department provides an update to the City Council monthly. The following is provided as an update for Grant Department activities. \*Amounts in (\$\$) are grant amounts, not necessarily project totals.

**ACTIVE GRANTS STATUS – Received since last meeting – Updates**

***WWTP Work - CDBG-MIT Infrastructure Unmet Needs – Florida Commerce (formerly DEO) (\$6,259,423.00)***

- Tier II Revision approved by DEO
- Received approval for 1<sup>st</sup> set of RFQ documentation from Florida Commerce (formerly DEO) approval, completing balance of bid docs

***Hazard Mitigation Grant Generators – DEM (\$129,459.56) – completion date ~~12/31/22~~ req. extension***

- Requested budget increase to cover actual costs – DEM reviewing
- Requested project deadline extension from DEM - reviewing
- Marina Unit install underway – expected completion end of July
- Working with MFG to get FD unit in a timely manner
- Permits Issued

***FDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (FY 27-28)***

- Waiting on grant agreements from FDOT
- Received breakout from FDOT timeline/budget: Design 2026; Construction 2028
- Awaiting grant agreements from FDOT
  - Aviation Blvd Lighting (\$1,000,000)
  - Mitigate Sombrero Beach Rd sidewalk flooding at curve (\$333,288)

***CDBG-DR Voluntary Home Buyout Program – DEO (\$2,600,000)***

- Program Status (5) properties in program:
  - Demo continuing – expected demo completion end of July.
    - Once all demo is complete the properties will be graded and sodded
  - (5) properties: closing completed

***FCT Parks and Open Space (2018 grant program) – (1,488,000)***

- Salty's/7 Mile Marina
  - Received executed grant agreement from FCT
  - Gathering due diligence documents as required by FCT
  - Creating a management plan for the site as required by FCT
- FCT Required appraisals complete; waiting on reports
- Environmental Assessment Phase I completed
- PW Preparing RFQ for project services

***FCT Parks and Open Space (2018 grant program) – (\$844,800)***

- Quay Project
  - Received fully executed grant agreement
  - Gathering due diligence documents as required by FCT
    - Submitted partial due diligence – gathering balance
  - Creating a management plan for the site as required by FCT
- FCT required appraisals complete; waiting on reports
- Environmental Assessment Phase I completed
- PW Preparing RFQ for project services

***TDC FY 2023 Capital Funding***

- Quay restroom project (\$245,000) – completion date by 3/31/2024
  - Received fully executed agreement
  - Bids received for Contractor at Risk
- Beach Raking and Maintenance (Coco Plum & Sombrero) (\$203,050) – completion date 9/30/2025
  - Received fully executed agreement
  - Work underway

***FL Recreation Development Assist Program 23/24 (FRDAP)***

- Resurface Tennis Courts at Community Park (appx \$125,000)
  - Waiting for grant agreement from FDEP
  - Received \$108,750
- Resurface Basketball Courts/Add Pickleball Courts at Community Park (appx \$100,000)
  - Waiting for grant agreement from FDEP
  - Received \$92,212

***FDOT Transportation Assistance – \$250,000 FY25 grant***

- Waiting for grant agreement from FDOT
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Presented project at FDOT Distt meeting.

***Tourist Development Council FY24 Capital Improvement- Received full funding for both***

- Received full funding for both. Projects can start after the 10/18 BOCC Meeting and Contract Approval.
  - New Parking Lot at Coco Plum Beach (\$119,000)
  - Replace Playground Equipment at Sombrero Beach Park (\$245,250)

***FDEM – Hazard Mitigation Grant Watershed Master Plan – (\$187,068.75 of \$249,425 project – balance (match) coming from \$240,000 Coastal Resilience Grant)***

- Grant signed over to Monroe County for administration.
- As approved at April’s meeting, the City is assigning this grant to the County for management.
  - Will ensure continuity of data with the County and other municipalities.

### **FDEP Coastal Resilience Grant (\$240,000)**

- Grant signed over to Monroe County for administration
- To create a citywide vulnerability assessment for sea level rise
- Because we are using this grant as a match for the Watershed Master Plan grant, the State requires us to sign this grant over to the County for administration as well.
- Received grant agreement from FDEP

### **GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED - Submitted since last meeting – Updates**

#### **Under Evaluation - CDBG-Small Cities Grant Program – Submitted 5/5/2023**

- **Neighborhood Revitalization 41<sup>st</sup>/42<sup>nd</sup>**
  - Phase I Mitigate Flooding at Jessie Hobbs Park (\$350,000)
  - Phase II Mitigate the blight at the end of 41<sup>st</sup> to create a waterside picnic area.
- Received the list of self-scores, this project falls right in the middle, at this time.
- DEO is reviewing applications.

#### **Under Evaluation - Assistance to Firefighters Grant – (\$1,857,978.00) – Submitted 3/16/2023**

- They are beginning to announce awards now although it's an ongoing process that goes through November.
- Financial Assistance for (9) new positions for 3 years

#### **Under Evaluation - Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants - Submitted 6/14/2023**

- Create a City Parks Master Plan (including 7 Mile Corridor) (\$60,000)
- Update Stormwater Master Plan (\$50,000)

#### **Under Evaluation - T-Mobile Hometown Grant - Submitted 6/21/2023**

- Submitted for (2) monitoring devices to help reduce illegal dumping around the City. (\$15,000)

#### **Under Evaluation - DOT Safer Streets 4 All Grant Program – (\$240,000) - submitted 7/10/2023**

- Create a Complete Streets Program.
  - Grant provides technical, planning, and capacity building support to advance a pipeline of transportation and community revitalization activities that increase mobility, reduce pollution from transportation sources, expand affordable transportation and housing options, improve health outcomes, facilitate efficient land use, preserve, or expand jobs, and enhance connections to health care, education, and food security to benefit disadvantaged populations and communities.

### **GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS - New since last meeting**

#### **Tourist Development Council FY24 Capital Improvement – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round – Due 9/19/23**

- Construction Information and Security Station at Sombrero Beach – *working on budget*
- Installation of Events Tiki at Oceanfront Park – *budget estimated \$200k*

#### **Resilient Florida Grant Program - Due 9/1/2023**

- Raise 92<sup>nd</sup> Street – *budget estimated \$800k*
- Mitigation Measures on Sombrero Blvd. – *working on budget*

***Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Ian (\$1.100,000) – ~~due May 31<sup>st</sup>~~ – extended to 8/29/23***

- Raising 92<sup>nd</sup> Street – *budget estimated \$800k*

***Florida Recreational Trails Program – next cycle TBA (usually 1<sup>st</sup> part of year)***

- Complete Bike Trail on Coco Plum (Budget in process)
- Grassy Key Birding Boardwalk Trail Construction (when planning is complete)

**COMPLETED GRANTS - *New since last meeting* - *Updates***

**GRANTS NOT RECEIVED - *New since last meeting***

**POTENTIAL GRANT APPLICATIONS - *New since last meeting***

***FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant – dates TBA (usually 1<sup>st</sup> part of year)***

***Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts – FY23/24 dates TBA (usually opens in August)***

***Solar Panels/Covered Parking City Hall***