

**MEMORANDUM  
Grants Department**



**MEETING DATE:** January 9, 2024  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Maria Covelli, Grants Coordinator  
**THROUGH:** George Garrett, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Grants Report **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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The Grants Department provides an update to the City Council monthly.  
*The following is provided as an update for Grant Department activities as of the date of submission.*

*\*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)***

- Projects out for bid
  - Received Commerce approval for area 6 flood wall bid documents.
    - Flood Wall bid came in well over budget
    - Value Engineering while working on the Power Conditioning portion of the project.
  - Received Commerce approval for Power Conditioning bid documents.

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

- Requested budget increase to cover actual costs – DEM reviewing.
- MFG moved Fire Department delivery out to the end of May 2024
  - Requested project deadline extension from DEM (to 9/4/24) – reviewing.
- Marina Unit installation complete.
- Per MFG – Fire Dept Unit cannot be expedited.
- Permits Issued

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

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

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

- Resurface Basketball Courts/Add Pickleball Courts at Community Park (\$92,212)
  - Grant approval at December's meeting
  - Sent to Commerce for execution.

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

- Quay Project
  - **ON HOLD PER COUNCIL 10/24/23 Workshop Meeting**
    - **Doing study to add boat ramp to property**
  - Received fully executed grant agreement
  - Gathering due diligence documents as required by FCT
    - Submitted balance of due diligence documentation
  - Submitted Management Plan to FCT for approval

**TDC FY 2023 Capital Funding**

- Quay restroom project (\$245,000) – completion date by 3/31/2024
  - Schematics are completed.
  - In process of finalizing costs for approval
- Beach Raking and Maintenance (Coco Plum & Sombrero) (\$203,050) – completion date 9/30/2025
  - Received fully executed agreement.
  - Work underway.

**Tourist Development Council FY24 Capital Improvement**

- 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)
    - Design Complete
    - Going out to bid after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year
  - Replace Playground Equipment at Sombrero Beach Park (\$245,250)
    - Playground closes 1/8 with demo/prep till 1/14
    - Build planned for 1/15 should be completed in approximately 10 days weather permitting.
    - Planned opening first week of February.

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

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

**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)

***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.

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

- Program Status (5) properties in program:
  - Waiting on executed extension request from Commerce
  - Working on Closeout Documents

***RECEIVED - DOT Safer Streets 4 All Grant Program – (\$240,000)***

- Create a Complete Streets Program.
  - Received letter of award, waiting on grant agreement.

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

***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.
- In Review

***Under Evaluation - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Ian (\$800,000) – Submitted 8/29/2023***

- Raising 92<sup>nd</sup> Street – (\$800,000)
- Submitted requested budget update
- Under Engineering Review

***House Appropriations Project Funding Requests – (\$332,500) Submitted 9/28/2023***

- Solar Parking Structures at City Hall

***Senate Appropriations Project Funding Requests – (\$332,500) Submitted 10/27/2023***

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**Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program – Submitted 12/6/2023  
Funding Cycle 2030**

- Complete Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail and add Lighting
  - Traveling to District 6 Hdqtr 1/11/24 to give Power Point presentation.
- Lighting for Existing Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail
  - Traveling to District 6 Hdqtr 1/11/24 to give Power Point presentation.

**Tourist Development Council FY24 Capital Improvement DAC III Round 3 – Submitted 12/20/23  
(\$200,000)**

- Events Tiki at Oceanfront Park

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

**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)
- 7 Mile Corridor

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

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

**DID NOT RECEIVE - Resilient Florida Grant Program - Submitted 9/1/2023**

**The State had \$800M to award and 197 eligible projects (both our are eligible), and only awarded to 16 projects across the state. HAVE REQUESTED FEEDBACK ON RANKING**

- Raise 92<sup>nd</sup> Street – (\$800,000)
  - SLIP Study approved – on to next review
  - Returned State’s RFI for additional information.
- Mitigation Measures on Sombrero Blvd. – (est 1.5m)
  - SLIP Study approved – on to next review

**DID NOT RECEIVE FL Recreation Development Assist Program 24/25 (FRDAP) – Submitted 9/15/2023**

- Skatepark/Picnic Areas at Community Park  
**Because we have an ongoing project at Community Park already, FDEP will not fund additional projects. (No more than one project per site can be funded simultaneously. Will resubmit when the Basketball Project is completed.**

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

**Assistance to Firefighters/SAFER Grant – opens after 1<sup>st</sup> of the year**

**Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)- Opens February 24, 2024**

**CDBG-Small Cities – Opens March 2024**

**FCT Parks and Open Spaces – opens Jan 2024**

- Apply for parks and opens spaces land acquisition depending upon what happens with the Quay grant.