

**MEMORANDUM  
Grants Department**



**MEETING DATE:** March 12, 2024  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Maria Covelli, Grants Coordinator  
**THROUGH:** George Garrett, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Grants Report**

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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
    - Power Conditioning portion of the project design 100% complete, approved by council to move forward.
    - Vacuum System Monitoring 87% complete design/bid docs
  - Received Commerce approval for Power Conditioning bid documents.

***Hazard Mitigation Grant Generators – DEM (\$129,459.56) – completion date 09/04/2024***

- Requested budget increase to cover actual costs – DEM reviewing.
- MFG moved Fire Department delivery out to the end of May 2024
  - Received project deadline extension from DEM to 9/4/24
- 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
  - Compiling Management Plan for FCT review
  - 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)
  - Legal reviewing bid documents then they will be put out to bid.

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

- Quay Project
  - Council voted to add boat ramps at this property
  - Notified FCT about this change and am waiting on direction.
  - 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 build is complete with grand opening on 2/5/24.

***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 Vulnerability Plan (\$240,000)***

- Had kickoff meeting.
  - WSP wants to present the project at March’s workshop.
- 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:
  - Submitted closeout documents to Commerce for Review
  - Gathering documentation for final reimbursement submission

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

- Create a Complete Streets Program.
  - Received, completed and returned grant agreement for review

**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)
- Requested Pre-Award budget documentation and additional photos.
- 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***

- Solar Parking Structures at City Hall

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

- Complete Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail and add Lighting
  - Presented the Projects to FDOT on 1/11/24
- Lighting for Existing Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail
  - Presented the Projects to FDOT on 1/11/24

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

- Events Tiki at Oceanfront Park
- DAC III Meets March 13<sup>th</sup> for decisions.

**Assistance to Firefighters – Submitting 3/8/24 (\$96,000)**

- 30 new radios and accessories

**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

**SAFER Grant –**

- Additional Personnel Marathon Fire Rescue

**TDC FY25 Bricks and Mortar – Capital Projects – Due April 22, 2024**

- Information and Security Station at Sombrero Beach (cost TBD)
- Replace playground at Jessie Hobbs
- Splash Pad at Sombrero Beach

**Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)- Due April 1, 2024**

Discussing potential with Marina and PW

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

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

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

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

**FCT Parks and Open Spaces**

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