

**MEMORANDUM
Grants Department**



MEETING DATE: August 12, 2025
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 as of the date of submission.

**Amounts in (\$\$) are grant amounts, not necessarily project totals.*

ACTIVE GRANTS STATUS – Received since last meeting - Updates

RECEIVED - Tourist Development Council FY26 Capital Improvement Projects

Projects will begin after turn of FY (October 1, 2025)

- Upgrades to Oceanfront Dog Park (\$99,500)
- Sombrero Beach Renourishment (\$200,000 for Phase I)
- Multi-Year Beach Cleaning Grant (\$154,333 a year for 3 years)
- Concession Stand/Restroom Comm Park East Side (\$300,114)
- Rebranding (repainting) at Community Park (\$24,040 for Tower and Restroom Bldg)

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

- Had site visits at all plants with Dept. of Commerce Representatives to review project progression.
- Mobilization and active construction began on Power Conditioning & Surge Protection project – construction at 98%.
- Vacuum System Monitoring & Pump Upgrades are at 70% design, bid docs in process of being created.
- Flood Wall project has been value engineered, and we have submitted a request for grant increase to FL Commerce to help cover the additional cost
 - Received Resilient FL funding for flood wall project.

FDOT Transportation Alternatives – Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan \$250,000 FY25 grant

- Received fully executed grant agreement
 - Project going out to bid
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
 - Presented project at FDOT Dist. meeting.

TDC FY 2023 Capital Funding

- Beach Raking and Maintenance (Coco Plum & Sombrero) (\$203,050) – completion date 9/30/2025
 - Received fully executed agreement.
 - Work underway.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Generators – DEM (\$370,260.75) – completion date 03/31/2025

- Completing Close-Out Documentation at this time.
- Completed, waiting on proof of payment to submit for reimbursement.
- Received project deadline extension from DEM to 3/31/2025
- Fire Station Generator has been installed
 - They are currently working to replace pump needed for fuel lines
- Received **budget increase** of grant award to \$370,260.75 to cover the unexpected rising cost of the project (an increase of \$240,801.19)
- Marina Unit installation complete.
- Permits Issued

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

- Working to update Management Plan and ensure all documents have been received by FCT
- Salty's/7 Mile Marina
 - Submitted Management Plan for FCT review
 - Received comments back from FCT to update review and resubmit
 - Submitted due diligence documents as required by FCT.
- FCT Required appraisals complete; Submitted to FCT
- Environmental Assessment Phase I completed.
- Put out request for quotes for Tier II EA as required by FCT
- PW Preparing RFQ for project services.

TDC FY25 Bricks and Mortar – Capital

- Information and Security Station at Sombrero Beach (\$150,000)
 - Going out to bid
 - Received extension approval for completion to 9/2026.
 - Coordinating with TDC for extension to FY26 for completion
 - On DAC III agenda for April
 - Meeting with engineer to layout project
 - Project is in early design stages
- Reconstruct Finger Piers and Electronic Sign at 7-Mile Marina (\$502,700)
 - Received lease for bay bottom
 - Out to bid
 - Completing Tourist Impact Study as required by grant contract.
 - Received extension approval for completion to 9/2026.
 - Coordinating with TDC for extension to FY26 for completion
 - On DAC III agenda for April
 - Project planning in process

FDOT Transportation Alternatives Program – Aviation Lighting and Sombrero Rd MIT (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)

- Data gathering in process
- Grant signed over to Monroe County for administration.
- As approved at April 2024 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)

- Data gathering in process
- WSP presented information at April's Council 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.

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

- Contractor has started collecting data and doing surveys
- Create a Complete Streets Program.
 - Received fully executed grant agreement
 - Project out for bid
 - Received bids - Stantec awarded – working on contract
 - Completed and submitted FHWA Required Checklist

House/Senate Appropriations Project Funding Request (\$150,000)

- Requested and received funding extension from the state.
- Boat has been chosen and purchased/build is in process/hull number assigned.
- Fire/Rescue is checking out different boats.
- Purchase of Rescue Boat with Fire Capabilities

HMGP (FEMA) (\$48,984.88 award amt)

- Raise 92nd Street Phase I – Design and Engineering
 - Returned signed grant contract
 - Received grant contract, under internal review
 - Received grant for design and engineering
 - Awaiting the grant contract

RECEIVED - FDOT Beautification Grant – (\$112,000)

- Contractor agreement signed and info sent to FDOT
- Signed Contractor Agreement
- Had kickoff meeting with FDOT
- Design underway
- Plant along the Overseas Heritage Trail along airport
- Met with Landscape Architect to walk the project

RECEIVED _ FY30 Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program – Funding Cycle 2030

- Complete Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail and add Lighting (\$1M)
 - Wtg on Grant Documents
- Lighting for Existing Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail (\$1M)
 - Wtg on Grant Documents

RECEIVING - FDEP Resilient Florida (25/26) – Sombrero Blvd Drainage Improvements (\$1,207,685)

- Scheduled in Statewide Plan for Year 1
- Awards will be announced after July 1st.

RECEIVING - FDEP Resilient Florida (25/26) – Area 6 WWTP Flood Wall (\$1,749,812)

- Scheduled in Statewide Plan for Year 2
- Awards will be announced after July 1st.

RECEIVING - FDEP Resilient Florida – 92nd Street Improvements (\$567,500)

- Scheduled in Statewide Plan for Year 3
- Awards will be announced after July 1st.

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED - Submitted since last meeting – Updates

Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant - \$75,000

- Project titled Building Allocation, Livability, Affordability, Neighborhood, Code Evaluation Plan (BALANCE Plan)

Resilient Florida – multiple applications – submitted 8/30/2024

- Raise 92nd Street (\$567,500) – on the HMGP – *see above*
- Marina Seawall Replacement (\$1,855,000)
- Area 6 Floodwall (\$1,748,812) – *see above*

Florida Keys Stewardship Grant

- Deep Well project

FL Recreation Development Assist Program 24/25 (FRDAP) - two applications – submitted 9/24/2024

- Raise Jessie Hobbs to Mitigate for flooding (\$200,000)
- Install Pickleball Courts at Oceanfront Park (\$108,746)

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

- RECEIVED FUNDING FOR PHASE I – DESIGN AND ENGINEERING
- Raising 92nd Street – (\$800,000)
- Submitted additional historical data for flooding at this location
- FDEM Engineering has approved budget
 - Next step is to send to FEMA for review (expected to be to FEMA by 12/1/24)
- Provided State requested additional pre-award documentation and information

Assistance to Firefighters – Submitted 12/13/2024 (\$126,000)

- Expected to start announcing awards in July 2025
- 30 new radios and accessories

HMGP – Watershed Planning Program – Update Stormwater Master Plan (\$270k)

- Submitted 1/31/2025

Boating Improvement Funds – Channel Signage at 7 Mile Marina (\$40k) – Submitted 3/20/25

- Channel Markers and Buoys for 7-Mile Marina Channels

CDBG Small Cities Grant – Raise Jessie Hobbs Flooding Mitigation – (\$450,000)

- Submitted
- Received information to apply – due May 2nd.
- Requested application and information

SAFER Grant – \$3M – Opening 5/22 - 7/3

- Submitted 7/1/2023
- Met with MFR to discuss data needed for grant app when it opens.
- Currently reviewing last year's app and updating information.
- Additional Personnel Marathon Fire Rescue
 - Submitting costs for (9) personnel for (3) years.

GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS - New since last meeting

Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) – Raise Jessie Hobbs Flooding Mitigation

- Received application guidance and link
- Letter of Intent Submitted 1/29/2025

Florida Recreational Trails Program – next cycle TBA (usually 1st part of year)

- Grassy Key Birding Boardwalk Trail Construction (when planning is complete)
- 7 Mile Corridor

FDOT Transportation Alternatives – opening TBA

- Sidewalk and Lighting on Sombrero Blvd

COMPLETED GRANTS - New since last meeting - Updates

TDC FY 2023 Capital Funding

- Quay restroom project (\$245,000) – completion date by 9/30/2025
 - Submitted for reimbursement from TDC
 - Project Completed – wtg on proof of payment to submit for reimbursement
 - Walk thru completed / Punch list to be completed as noted
 - Construction has begun!!!!
 - Awarded to Pedro Falcon
 - Received grant extension to 09/30/2025
 - Schematics are completed.
 - In process of finalizing costs for approval

***Tourist Development Council FY24 Capital Improvement DAC III Round 3
Events Tiki at Oceanfront Park (\$201,495)***

- Submitted for reimbursement to TDC
- Events Tiki at Oceanfront Park
 - Complete with the exception of the signage and reimbursement
 - Pavers have started
 - Tiki is being erected
 - Received fully executed agreement from TDC
 - PW getting bid package ready to go out

GRANTS NOT RECEIVED *New since last meeting*

CANCELLED GRANTS *New since last meeting*