

**MEMORANDUM
Grants Department**



MEETING DATE: January 13, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Maria Covelli, Grants Coordinator
THROUGH: George Garrett, City Manager
SUBJECT: Grants Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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

Tourist Development Council FY26 Capital Improvement Projects

- Upgrades to Oceanfront Dog Park (\$99,500)
 - Project is in design
- Sombrero Beach Renourishment (\$200,000 for Phase I)
 - Project is waiting for agreement from TDC
- Multi-Year Beach Cleaning Grant (\$154,333 a year for 3 years)
 - Project is underway
- Concession Stand/Restroom Comm Park East Side (\$300,114)
 - Project will begin during the Skatepark and Splashpad Construction
- Rebranding (repainting) at Community Park (\$24,040 for Tower and Restroom Bldg)
 - Required Tourist Development Study is underway

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

- Requested a one-year extension from Commerce due to delays in materials.
- 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
 - Receiving \$3M Resilient FL funding for flood wall project FY 26/27

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

- Only received one bid FDOT may require us to put it back out for bid
- Received fully executed grant agreement
 - Project going out to bid
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
 - Presented project at FDOT Dist. meeting.

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

- Completed Close-Out Documentation
- Submitted for Reimbursement
- Requested State Inspection as required by Grant Agreement
- 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)

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

- Salty's/7 Mile Marina
 - Wtg for response from FCT regarding management plan and next steps.
 - 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.

TDC FY25 Bricks and Mortar – Capital

- ***Information and Security Station at Sombrero Beach (\$150,000)***
- Received Notice of Commencement
- Permits ready to go to State for approval.
- Had precon meeting with Pedro Falcon – working on permit and planning for staging.
- Pedro Falcon came in with lowest bid
 - Appraisal completed, in permitting now
 - Received extension approval for completion to 9/2026.
- ***Reconstruct Finger Piers and Electronic Sign at 7-Mile Marina (\$502,700)***
 - Sign has been installed
 - Construction of docks underway, anticipated completion by March
 - Work on docks is underway
 - Awarded to LPS
 - 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.

FDOT Transportation Alternatives Program – Aviation Lighting 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 contacting stakeholders to get input
- Contractor has started collecting data and doing surveys
 - Contractor attended Food Truck Jamboree to get input from community
- 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
 - Design underway, kick off meeting is being scheduled.
 - Survey is complete and being reviewed and Engineer will begin design shortly.
 - 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)

- FDOT is reviewing the 90% plans
- Design is being completed
- Site Visits
- Contractor agreement signed and info sent to FDOT

Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program – FY 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

Boating Improvement Funds – Channel Signage at 7 Mile Marina (\$40k)

Channel Markers and Buoys for 7-Mile Marina Channels

- Working design and permitting

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

- Received an additional \$1,304,090 in funding for a total of \$2,511,775.00
- Work is +60% completed
- Returned initial RFI to FDEP regarding Grant and Project Management.
- Award letter received

FDEP Resilient Florida (26/27) – Area 6 WWTP Flood Wall (\$3,000,000)

- Scheduled in Statewide Plan for Year 2
- Will be reapplying for Year 2 funding

FDEP Resilient Florida (27/28) – 92nd Street Improvements (\$567,500)

- Scheduled in Statewide Plan for Year 3
- Will be reapplying for Year 3 funding

Florida Keys Stewardship Grant

- Deep Well project

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED - Submitted since last meeting – Updates

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*

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

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

- Emailed for update on awards
- Submitted
- Received information to apply – due May 2nd.
- Requested application and information

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

- Awards have not yet been announced
- 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.

City Council January 2026

Submitted 12/17/2025

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GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS - *New since last meeting*

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

- Due by 2/28/26

Florida Communities Trust – Florida Forever Program – Submitting 12/1/25

- Purchase 1 Boot Key for Open Space/Green Space
- Purchase land on Grassy Key for Open Space/Green Space

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*

COMPLETED AND FULLY INVOICED - 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.

GRANTS NOT RECEIVED *New since last meeting*

Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant - \$75,000

- Was not awarded
- Project titled Building Allocation, Livability, Affordability, Neighborhood, Code Evaluation Plan (BALANCE Plan)

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

- Was not awarded – have email in to get info to better next year's app.
- Awards have not yet been announced
- 30 new radios and accessories

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

- Was not awarded – will apply under a different grant program
- Received application guidance and link
- Letter of Intent Submitted 1/29/2025

CANCELLED GRANTS *New since last meeting*