

MEMORANDUM
Grants Department



MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026
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

Tourist Development Council FY26 Capital Improvement Projects

- Upgrades to Oceanfront Dog Park (\$99,500)
 - Received quotes for Tiki, Pavers, and Sod is out for bid (combining this sod install with soccer fields)
 - 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)
 - Design in process
 - Project will begin during the Skatepark and Splashpad Construction
- Rebranding (repainting) at Community Park (\$24,040 for Tower and Restroom Bldg)
 - Gathering quotes
 - 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

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

- Submitted for reimbursement
- 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
 - Submitted Draft Licensing agreement for dock rentals for review.
 - 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.

TDC FY25 Bricks and Mortar – Capital

- ***Information and Security Station at Sombrero Beach (\$150,000)***
 - Expected Start date Mid-February
 - 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

Rescue Boat with Fire Capabilities -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

Florida Communities Trust Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program

- Submitted for joint acquisition of the following properties
 - 1 Boot Key
 - 56185 Overseas Hwy

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

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.

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*

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

- Did not receive – will resubmit in next open round
- Emailed for update on awards
- Submitted
- Received information to apply – due May 2nd.
- Requested application and information

CANCELLED GRANTS *New since last meeting*