

**MEMORANDUM  
Grants Department**



**MEETING DATE:** May 12, 2026  
**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 project totals.*

**ACTIVE GRANTS STATUS – Received since last meeting - Updates**

***FDEP Hazard Mitigation Grant Program***

- Update current Stormwater Master Plan (\$200,000)
- Creating Bid Documents

***Tourist Development Council FY26 Capital Improvement Projects***

- Upgrades to Oceanfront Dog Park (\$99,500)
  - Work has begun on all aspects of park renovation
  - 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)
  - Submitted Executed Grant Agreement to TDC
  - TDC Requested more info on what is involved in Phase I
    - Sent them SOW, wtg on response and contract
- 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

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

- Went out for rebid as required by FDOT
- 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

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

- Extension approved – work continues
- 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

**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 to FCT.
  - 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)**
  - Work has begun
  - 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)**
  - Utility work is being completed, the docks will be finished and project complete
  - Sign has been installed
  - Construction of docks underway, anticipated completion in April
  - 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 and Sombrero Rd MIT (FY 27-28)**

**FDOT TA grants are awarded on a 5 year FDOT CIP plan**

- 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 working on Final Plan to present to Council**
- Contractor was at Seafood Festival to gather surveys, presented at 3/24/26 workshop
- 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)***

- Extension has been executed. Current delivery schedule is October 2026 (funds will be rolled over at State FY turn)
- 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 92<sup>nd</sup> 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 finishing grant contract and will send for execution
- FDOT is reviewing the 90% plans
- Design is being completed
- Site Visits
- Contractor agreement signed and info sent to FDOT

**Florida Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program – FY 2030**  
**FDOT TA grants are awarded on a 5 year FDOT CIP plan**

- 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 with the County to get proper permitting
- Working on 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) – 92<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**EPA – 2025 South Florida Program – submitted 3/16/2026**

- Pilot project utilizing a nature-based media filtration technology that has been employed and scaled in freshwater applications to demonstrate performance in full marine waters.
- If awarded, will be installed at City Marina.

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

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

***TDC FY26 Bricks and Mortar – Capital – applications due by 6/30/2026***

*Planning to submit for the following:*

- Permanent roll up weather shades for Oceanfront Event Tiki (appx \$60,000)
- New fencing at Sombrero (Oceanside) – wtg on quotes
- Events Field Lighting Community Park – wtg on quotes

***Florida Recreational Trails Program – next cycle TBA***

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

***FDOT Transportation Alternatives – opening TBA***

- Sidewalk and Lighting on Sombrero Blvd

**SS4A Deliverable from Planning Grant SS4A Implementation Grant**

- *Submit Application for Opticom System for Fire Department (\$1M)*

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

Project Completed, reimbursement request sent

**TDC Capital FY 26 Grant**

- Rebranding (repainting) at Community Park (\$24,040 for Tower and Restroom Bldg)
  - Painting began 3/16/2026 – scheduled completion 3/31/2026
  - Gathering quotes
  - Required Tourist Development Study is underway

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

**CANCELLED GRANTS *New since last meeting***