

**MEMORANDUM
Grants Department**



MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Maria Covelli, Grants Coordinator
THROUGH: Steve William, Interim 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 project totals.*

ACTIVE GRANTS STATUS – Received since last meeting - Updates

FDEP Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- Awaiting contract from FDEP
- Update current Stormwater Master Plan (\$200,000)
- Reviewed bids

Tourist Development Council FY26 Capital Improvement Projects

- Sombrero Beach Renourishment (\$200,000 for Phase I)
 - Quote came back too high – outing out for rebid
 - Working on getting report data and permits
 - Submitted Executed Grant Agreement to 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)
 - 90% plans in review
 - Construction underway

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

- Waiting for concurrence from FDOT on the two bids received.
- 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

FDOT Transportation Alternatives Program – Aviation Lighting and Sombrero Rd MIT (FY 27-28)

- Received breakout from FDOT timeline/budget: Design 2026; Construction 2028
- Awaiting grant agreements from FDOT
 - Aviation Blvd Lighting (\$1,000,000)
 - Design is underway – plans at 90% with comments
 - Mitigate Sombrero Beach Rd sidewalk flooding at curve (\$333,288)
 - Survey work is completed
 - Design and scheduling underway

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

- Salty's/7 Mile Marina
 - Reviewing other licensing agreements from other FCT projects in FL.
 - 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

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.

TDC FY25 Bricks and Mortar – Capital

- ***Information and Security Station at Sombrero Beach (\$150,000)***
 - Requested an extension through 12/31/2026 to complete the project
 - Project is underway
 - Foundation completed, installing walls soon as construction continues
- ***Reconstruct Finger Piers and Electronic Sign at 7-Mile Marina (\$502,700)***
 - Starting closeout documentation
 - Estimated completion by mid-Sept.
 - Utility work is being completed
 - Sign has been installed
 - Construction of docks completed
 - Received extension approval for completion to 9/2026.

Rescue Boat with Fire Capabilities -House/Senate Appropriations Project Funding (\$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 92nd Street Phase I – Design and Engineering
 - Easement Drafts
 - Plans at 60%
 - Submitted for project extension (org. end date 5/31 – ext to 11/30)

FDOT Beautification Grant – (\$112,000)

- Reviewing bids, Planned start October 2026
- Project On Hold until deep well work is completed in that area.
- Received and executed grant contract

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 from FDOT
 - Design scheduled for 2028 / construction for 2030
- Lighting for Existing Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail (\$1M)
 - Wtg on Grant Documents from FDOT
 - In design (26/27) / construction 28/29

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)

- Preparing completion documentation and final request for reimbursement.
- Nearing Completion
- Received an additional \$1,304,090 in funding for a total of \$2,511,775

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

- Had kickoff meeting with FDEP/wtg on grant contract
- Received notice of award

FDEP Resilient Florida (26/27) – Effluent Disposal Infrastructure Hardening and Mitigation Initiative (\$5,064,129)

- Waiting to hear from FDEP for kickoff meeting and contract
- Received notice of award

Florida Keys Stewardship Grant (Expected \$2,500,000)

- Need ILA
- On track as scheduled
- Deep Well project

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.**

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED - Submitted since last meeting – Updates

SS4A Deliverable from Planning Grant SS4A Implementation Grant – submitted 5/26/26

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

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 (property sold)

TDC FY26 Bricks and Mortar – Capital – Submitted 6/30/2026

- Permanent roll up weather shades for Oceanfront Event Tiki (\$60,000)
- Events Field Lighting Community Park – (\$375,000)

GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS - New since last meeting

FDEP Coastal Partnership Initiative – Wave Attenuation Devices Study (\$30,000) – due 10/31/26

- Study at Coco Plum to help erosion.

FDEP Resilient Florida (27/28) – Effluent Disposal Infrastructure Hardening and Mitigation Initiative (\$4,000,000)

- Deep Well additional 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 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

COMPLETED GRANTS - New since last meeting

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

- Submitting completion documentation and request for reimbursement.
- Grant application submitted for Opticom (MFR) purchase and installation
- Contractor working on Final Plan to present to Council

GRANTS NOT RECEIVED New since last meeting

CANCELLED GRANTS New since last meeting