

MEMORANDUM
Grants Department



MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Maria Covelli, Grants Coordinator
THROUGH: Steve Williams, 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 – Future Awards
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)
 - On April's Agenda to approve grant 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
- 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

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)**
 - Sign has been installed
 - Construction of docks underway, anticipated completion in May
 - 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 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 92nd Street Phase I – Design and Engineering
 - Design underway, kick off meeting is being scheduled
 - Will need to request extension for POP – contract exp. 5/31/26
 - 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 on design and permitting

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

- Received Grant Contract – on April's Agenda to approve.
- 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

Florida Department of Commerce – Jobs Growth Grant (\$1,300,000)

- Construction and improvements to US Highway 1 (Grassy Key) and sanitation system infrastructure upgrade

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 92nd Street (\$567,500) Phase II – on the HMGP – see above*
- *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*
- *Beautification of Commercial area of Coco Plum*

COMPLETED GRANTS - *New since last meeting*

GRANTS NOT RECEIVED *New since last meeting*

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

- *Marina Seawall Replacement (\$1,855,000) – did not receive*

CANCELLED GRANTS *New since last meeting*