

**MEMORANDUM  
Grants Department**



**MEETING DATE:** June 11, 2024  
**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 necessarily project totals.*

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

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

- Mobilization and active construction began on Power Conditioning & Surge Protection project.
- 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 are submitting a request for grant increase to FL Commerce to help cover the additional cost.

***Hazard Mitigation Grant Generators – DEM (\$129,459.56) – completion date 09/04/2024***

- Received **budget increase** of grant award to \$370,260.75 to cover the unexpected rising cost of the project (a difference of \$240,801.19)
- FD Unit scheduled to deliver to site June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Received project deadline extension from DEM to 9/4/24
- Marina Unit installation complete.
- Per MFG – Fire Dept Unit cannot be expedited.
- Permits Issued

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

- Salty's/7 Mile Marina
  - Submitted Management Plan for FCT review
  - Submitted due diligence documents as required by FCT.
- FCT Required appraisals complete; Submitted to FCT
- Environmental Assessment Phase I completed.
- PW Preparing RFQ for project services.

***FL Recreation Development Assist Program 23/24 (FRDAP)***

- Resurface Basketball Courts/Add Pickleball Courts at Community Park (\$92,212)
  - Legal reviewing bid documents then they will be put out to bid.

***FCT Parks and Open Space (2018 grant program) – (\$844,800)***

- Quay Project
  - Council voted to add boat ramps at this property
  - Notified FCT about this change and am waiting on direction.

***TDC FY 2023 Capital Funding***

- Quay restroom project (\$245,000) – completion date by 9/30/2024 requested 12/31/24
  - Schematics are completed.
  - In process of finalizing costs for approval
  - Requested grant extension to 12/31/2024
- Beach Raking and Maintenance (Coco Plum & Sombrero) (\$203,050) – completion date 9/30/2025
  - Received fully executed agreement.
  - Work underway.

***TDC FY24 Capital Improvement – Coco Plum Beach Parking Lot***

- Projects can start after the 10/18 BOCC Meeting and Contract approval.
  - New Parking Lot at Coco Plum Beach (\$119,000)
    - Design Complete
    - Going out for bid

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

- Waiting for grant agreement from FDOT
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Presented project at FDOT Dist. meeting.

***FDOT Transportation Alternatives Program – Aviation Lighting and 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)***

- Grant signed over to Monroe County for administration.
- As approved at April’s 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)***

- 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)***

- Create a Complete Streets Program.
  - Returned City executed grant agreement to DOT
    - Expected to be able to start project within the month
  - Completed and submitted FHWA Required Checklist

***RECEIVED - Tourist Development Council FY24 Capital Improvement DAC III Round 3 – Events Tiki at Oceanfront Park (\$201,495)***

- Events Tiki at Oceanfront Park
  - Returned executed contract to TDC for signature
  - PW getting bid package ready to go out
  - Received Award
  - Can start project after Council and BOCC approve contract (May BOCC meeting)

**GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED - Submitted since last meeting – Updates**

***CDBG-Small Cities Grant Program – Submitted 5/5/2023***

- ***Neighborhood Revitalization 41<sup>st</sup>/42<sup>nd</sup>***
  - Phase I Mitigate Flooding at Jessie Hobbs Park (\$350,000)
  - Phase II Mitigate the blight at the end of 41<sup>st</sup> to create a waterside picnic area.
- In Review
  - Have emailed and left messages for updates

***Under Evaluation - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Ian (\$800,000) – Submitted 8/29/2023***

- Raising 92<sup>nd</sup> Street – (\$800,000)
- State is still requesting additional historical data for flooding at this location.
- Provided State requested additional pre-award documentation and information
- State projecting to have all applications submitted to FEMA by end of Summer 2024 for review and decision.

***House Appropriations Project Funding Requests – (\$332,500) Submitted 9/28/2023***

- Solar Parking Structures at City Hall

***Senate Appropriations Project Funding Requests – (\$332,500) Submitted 10/27/2023***

- Solar Parking Structures at City Hall

***Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program – Submitted 12/6/2023 Funding Cycle 2030***

- Complete Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail and add Lighting
  - Presented the Projects to FDOT on 1/11/24
- Lighting for Existing Coco Plum Multi-Use Trail
  - Presented the Projects to FDOT on 1/11/24

***Assistance to Firefighters – Submitted 3/8/24 (\$96,000)***

- 30 new radios and accessories
  - Usually begin announcing awards in September

***SAFER Grant – \$2,951,468.37 – Submitted 4/12/24***

- Additional Personnel Marathon Fire Rescue
  - Submitting costs for (9) personnel for (3) years.
    - Usually begin announcing awards in September

***House and Senate Appropriations for New Rescue Boat with Fire Capabilities (\$350,000)***

- Currently under governor budget review

***TDC FY25 Bricks and Mortar – Capital Projects – Submitted April 18, 2024 Meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> for DAC III Board vote***

- Information and Security Station at Sombrero Beach (\$200,000)
- Resurface Tennis Courts at Community Park (\$75,000)
- Finger Piers and Electronic Sign at 7-Mile Marina (\$701,000)

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

***Florida Recreational Trails Program – next cycle TBA (usually 1<sup>st</sup> part of year)***

- Complete Bike Trail on Coco Plum (Budget in process)
- Grassy Key Birding Boardwalk Trail Construction (when planning is complete)
- 7 Mile Corridor

***Resilient Florida – next cycle July 1 – Sept 1***  
Projects TBD

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

**COMPLETED! CDBG-DR Voluntary Home Buyout Program – DEO (\$2,600,000)**

- Program Status (5) properties in program:
  - Commerce Approved Closeout Documents
  - Submitted for final reimbursement

**Tourist Development Council FY24 Capital Improvement**

- Replace Playground Equipment at Sombrero Beach Park (\$245,250)
  - Playground build is complete
  - Submitted to TDC for reimbursement

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

**POTENTIAL GRANT APPLICATIONS - *New since last meeting***

***CDBG-Small Cities – ~~Opens March 2024~~ They haven't announced opening at this time.***