

MEMORANDUM  
Grants Department



**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 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)***

- Requested funding increase for the flood wall to cover the cost of inflated materials.
- Mobilization and active construction began on Power Conditioning & Surge Protection project – construction at 21%.
- 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 submitting a request for grant increase to FL Commerce to help cover the additional cost.

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

- Received project deadline extension from DEM to 3/31/2025
- Fire Station Generator has been installed
  - They are currently working to replace pump needed for fuel lines
- 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)
- Marina Unit installation complete.
- 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.
- Put out request for quotes for Tier II EA as required by FCT
- 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)
  - Awarded to McCourt Construction.
  - **Contract being finalized**

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

- Waiting for grant agreement from FDOT
  - **Grant contract in process**
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Presented project at FDOT Dist. meeting.

***TDC FY 2023 Capital Funding***

- Quay restroom project (\$245,000) – completion date by 9/30/2025
  - **Construction has begun!!!!**
  - Awarded to Pedro Falcon
  - **Received grant extension to 03/31/2025**
  - Schematics are completed.
  - In process of finalizing costs for approval
- Beach Raking and Maintenance (Coco Plum & Sombrero) (\$203,050) – completion date 9/30/2025
  - Grant fully expended – will request increase next funding round
  - Received fully executed agreement.
  - Work underway.

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

- New Parking Lot at Coco Plum Beach (\$119,000) – Completion Date 9/30/2025
  - **Requested extension to 03/31/2025 to give time for closeout documentation.**
  - **Project under construction – plantings have begun**
  - Bid awarded to Discount Rock and Sand

***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)***

- 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)***

- 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

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

- Events Tiki at Oceanfront Park
  - Work is underway
  - Received fully executed agreement from TDC
  - PW getting bid package ready to go out

***House/Senate Appropriations Project Funding Request (\$150,000)***

- Fire/Rescue is checking out different boats.
- Purchase of Rescue Boat with Fire Capabilities

***TDC FY25 Bricks and Mortar – Capital – start date for all - 10/16/2024***

- Information and Security Station at Sombrero Beach (\$150,000)
  - Meeting with engineer to layout project
- Resurface Tennis Courts at Community Park (\$60,000)
  - Bids received – awarded to McCourt – contract in process
- Reconstruct Finger Piers and Electronic Sign at 7-Mile Marina (\$502,700)
  - Project planning in process

***HMGP (FEMA) (\$48,984.88 award amt)***

- Raise 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Phase I – Design and Engineering
  - Received grant for design and engineering
  - Awaiting the grant contract

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

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

- Raise 92<sup>nd</sup> Street (\$567,500)
- Marina Seawall Replacement (\$1,855,000)
- Area 6 Floodwall (\$1,748,812)

***FDOT Beautification Grant – (\$112,000) – submitted 9/24/2024***

- Plant along the Overseas Heritage Trail along airport

***FL Recreation Development Assist Program 24/25 (FRDAP) - two applications – submitted 9/24/2024***

- Raise Jessie Hobbs to Mitigate for flooding (\$200,000)
- Install Pickleball Courts at Oceanfront Park (\$108,746)

***Florida Keys Stewardship Grant – submitted 8/31/24***

- Deep Well project
- Area 3 Expansion project

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

- **RECEIVED FUNDING FOR PHASE I – DESIGN AND ENGINEERING**
- Raising 92<sup>nd</sup> 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

***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
- **Emailed for update**

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

- Additional Personnel Marathon Fire Rescue
  - Submitting costs for (9) personnel for (3) years.
    - **Awards have started being announced. So far only 6 awards in FL.**

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

***FHWA EV Charging Infrastructure – In conjunction with Monroe County, Islamorada, and KW  
Submitting for second consideration Round 1 as well as submitting to Round 2 funding to have EV  
chargers placed in strategic locations along the US Corridor throughout Monroe County. Total Cost  
\$4M split between applicants***

***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

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

- Sidewalk and Lighting on Sombrero Blvd

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

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

**TRAIL-GO Local Trail Management Grant – two applications submitted 8/29/2024**

*This grant was first come-first served. All awards were to applicants who submitted within the first hour of opening. We were not made aware of the grant until a week after the opening but submitted anyway. We ranked well but were not in the first submitted. Next round, we will be submitting at 8am on opening day.*

- Purchase of picnic tables, grills, bike racks, water fountains, signage, etc for Sombrero Beach Park, Oceanfront Park and Community Park - **(\$100,000)**
- Purchase equipment for maintenance of medians, foliage, etc.- **(\$200,000)**

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

*Am awaiting information on why we weren't awarded and to improve our next submission.*

- 30 new radios and accessories
  - Announcements have started and will run through the end of the year.

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