



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF UTILITY SERVICES

Date: January 16, 2018
To: Joseph A. Baird, County Administrator
From: Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services
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Subject: Notice of Application for Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program Grant for West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer Project

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

On January 16, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorized staff to move forward with Option II, submitting a grant application to the St. Johns River Water Management District Cost-Share Program in January/February 2018, submitting a grant application to the Local Funding Initiative FY 18-19 through the Florida Legislature and allocating up to \$1,000,000 of Indian River County matching funds to support the successful completion of the West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer Project.

On January 8, 2018, the County received notification from the Indian River Lagoon Council that the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP) is seeking grant proposals for its FY 2018-2019 grant program. To that effect, Indian River County Department of Utility Services (IRCDUS) has submitted a letter of intent for the above-mentioned project to be considered for funding for FY 2018-2019 under the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program.

ANALYSIS:

The West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer Project will be submitted under Category 1: Restoration Project. For FY 2018-2019, the IRLNEP Management Conference has determined that funding priorities for the IRLNEP should focus on the following broad topics for Indian River Lagoon restoration with a funding availability of \$860,000:

- Restoration of water quality
- Restoration of habitats

The IRLNEP will use Letters of Intent to contact requesting organizations, to schedule a webinar that will be conducted in advance of the submittal deadline, and for any follow-up that may be required. The schedule is as follows:

- January 8, 2018 – IRLNEP Grant Proposal Notification
- January 19, 2018 – Mandatory Pre-Proposal Statement of Intent deadline
- January 24, 2018 – Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting (Webinar)
- February 26, 2018 – Proposals due

FUNDING:

The subject item does not require any funding at this time. IRCDUS is requesting \$200,000 in grant funding through the IRLNEP program towards the West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff of the Indian River County Department of Utilities Services is requesting authorization to submit the grant application package to the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program for the project and to authorize staff to sign the grant application after review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency, if required.

ATTACHMENT(s):

1. IRLNEP Pre-Proposal Letter of Intent