

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director
FROM: Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager
SUBJECT: **Approval of FWC Grant for Indian River County Derelict Vessel Removal Project**
DATE: March 3, 2022

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has awarded Indian River County a \$34,300.00 Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant to cover the costs associated with the removal and disposal of six (6) derelict vessels from the Indian River Lagoon within the jurisdictional boundaries of Indian River County. Officers from FWC have investigated the vessels and determined the vessels as derelict in accordance with sections 705.101 (3) and 823.11, Florida Statutes. The derelict designation from FWC allows the County to have the vessels removed and disposed of, improving boating safety and removing these hazards to navigation and the environment. FWC is preparing the grant agreement (Agreement No. 21255) and will forward it to the County for review and execution upon completion.

Outlaw Maritime, LLC (formerly known as CCNK, LLC) has been the County's contractor in prior derelict vessel removal projects, and has done so adhering to FWC's Best Management Practices for derelict vessel removal. Outlaw Maritime, LLC has provided a cost proposal to the County of \$34,300.00 to remove all six (6) currently identified derelict vessels following the same protocols as previous removal tasks.

FUNDING

The cost to remove and dispose of the six (6) derelict vessels totals \$34,300.00. The FWC Grant will provide the County with 100% reimbursement of the associated costs not to exceed \$34,300.00. This task is budgeted for in the Florida Boating Improvement Program – Other Contractual Service Account #13321072-033490.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the sample agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute Agreement 21255 in the amount of \$34,300.00 on behalf of the County upon receipt.

ATTACHMENTS

FWC Grant Sample Agreement
IRC DV Removal Map
Grant Form

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: March 15, 2022