

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**CONSENT**

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**TO:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

**THROUGH:** Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director

**THROUGH:** James Gray, M.S., Natural Resources Manager

**FROM:** Kendra Cope, M.S., Environmental Specialist

**SUBJECT:** **Acceptance of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Grant FY18/19**

**DATE:** October 1, 2018

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**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS**

In late April 2018, the County received notification that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) was soliciting technical assistance grant requests for State FY 2018/19. Staff responded to the DEO solicitation on May 7, 2018 and requested \$13,500 to develop a living shoreline/oyster reef demonstration site at Round Island Riverside Park. The living shoreline/oyster reef demonstration project stands as one of the small-scale lagoon projects staff has identified as a way to further showcase the County's efforts to improve water quality in the lagoon and to educate our community about the importance of lagoon restoration.

On September 10, 2018, staff was notified that DEO accepted the proposal for the full amount of \$13,500. This is a 100 percent cost reimbursement grant and provides funding for all aspects of this project including; survey, design, permitting, construction, and the creating of educational materials. All work completed under this grant is required to be finished prior to June 30, 2019.

**FUNDING**

Funds for this expenditure are available in General Fund/Lagoon/Other Professional Services-Acct # 00128337-033190.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board approve the DEO grant and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County. Following Board approval, the County will transmit the partially executed Agreement to the DEO for final signatures. Upon receipt of the fully executed original agreement from the DEO, staff will transmit to the Clerk to the Board of County Commission for recording.

**ATTACHEMENT**

IRC Grant Form  
DEO Grant Agreement

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: OCTOBER 16, 2018**