

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John Titkanich, Jr. County Administrator

FROM: Eric Charest, Interim Natural Resources Director

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 – FDEP Grant Agreement No. 19IR3 (Vero Beach Restoration – Beach Management Sector 5)

DATE: December 13, 2023

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) received FY 2019/2020 funding to assist eligible governmental entities with beach erosion control activities under the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program. On September 26, 2019, FDEP entered into Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) Grant Agreement No. 19IR3 with Indian River County; committing up to \$821,833, at a variable cost share ratio, for feasibility, design and construction phase costs associated with a Sector 5 Beach and Dune Restoration Project. On April 29, 2020, Grant Agreement 19IR3 was amended by the FDEP to increase amount of funding by \$926,918.00. Amendment No. 1 increased the total eligible grant project costs under LGFR 19IR3 to \$1,748,751 at a task identified cost share ratio ranging from 46.65% to 50% State and 50% to 53.35% Local.

On July 29, 2022, County staff requested the FDEP issue an extension to the terms of Grant 19IR3. Construction of the Sector 5 Beach and Dune Restoration project was completed in March of 2020, but due to on-going discussions with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) representatives, the final non-Federal costs associated with the project have not yet been determined. FDEP Grant 19IR3 identifies a cost share between the State and County for non-Federally reimbursed expenses. The Federal reimbursement strategy must first be finalized before cost share eligible expenses under this grant can be submitted for reimbursement.

Amendment No. 2 maintains the same funding total in Grant 19IR3 and also extends the Task End Dates through to June 30, 2025, reflecting a nineteen (19) month extension to the deadlines for the completion of all tasks and submittal of deliverables. The FDEP granted extension is anticipated to allow time for all agencies making funds available for the County’s Sector 5 Beach and Dune Project to agree on their respective allocations, thus allowing for the County to cost-share the non-federal costs under this grant.

The attached amendment maintains FDEP’s commitment of up to \$1,748,751.00 in cost-share funding to the County’s local cost share of up to \$1,997,595.61 for feasibility study, design/permitting, and construction related expenses for the County’s Sector 5 Beach and Dune Restoration Project in which construction was completed in March 2020.

FUNDING

No additional costs will be incurred to accept this grant extension.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve FDEP Amendment No. 2 to FDEP LGFR Grant Agreement No. 19IR3 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County. Following Board approval, the County will transmit the partially executed Amendment to the State for final signatures. Upon receipt of the fully executed FDEP Grant Agreement 19IR3 Amendment No. 2 from the State, staff will transmit to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners for filing.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FDEP Grant Agreement 19IR3_A2

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: JANUARY 9, 2024