



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF UTILITY SERVICES

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To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services

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Subject: West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer Approval of IRNEP Funding Agreement

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

On May 1, 2018, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorized staff to continue contract negotiations with the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Council staff on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Indian River National Estuary Program (IRNEP) Category 1 -Restoration Project Grant.

ANALYSIS/ENGINEERING:

The County submitted an application to the IRNEP FY 2018-2019 program under Category 1 (Restoration Project) on February 22, 2018. The program received 24 applications under Category 1. The evaluations were based on a point system with a maximum score of 200 points. A minimum score of 75%, or 150 points, was needed to be considered for funding. Eleven (11) applications out of the 24 were eligible for funding, but due to the monies allocated only the top 8 ranked projects could be funded. The West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer ranked number 6, and therefore was recommended for funding at the IRL Council Board of Directors meeting on April 13, 2018. The IRL Board approved staff recommendation to negotiate contractual agreement details at a later date.

On September 12, 2018, the IRL Council forwarded the final grant Agreement No. IRL2018-01 with a completion date of the project as September 30, 2019.

FINANCING/FUNDING:

The estimated construction cost is \$2,500,000. The IRNEP grant will pay \$200,000 towards the construction cost. Other funding sources are as follows:

- Indian River County pledged funding up to \$1,475,000, as approved by the BCC on May 1, 2018.
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) funding award of \$450,000 per Agreement No. NS045.
- Saint Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Cost-Share Grant. Please note that the SJRWMD cost-share funding amount will be based on 33% of the actual construction cost for a maximum grant funding of \$825,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Indian River National Estuary Program Grant Agreement No. IRL2018-01 and requests the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the Chairman to execute the same on their behalf. Please note that if, during the procurement process, bids are much higher than the engineer's opinion of probable cost, the County has the option to close the agreement early without addressing any construction. The early closeout of the agreement would be brought as a new item to the board at that time.

ATTACHMENT(s):

1. IRNEP Standard Grant Agreement No. IRL2018-01 (13 Pages)
2. Grant Form