



CONSENT
BCC Meeting August 15, 2023

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services
Parks and Recreation

Date: August 7, 2023

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Through: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator
Beth Powell, Acting General Services Director

From: Gustavo Vergara, Assistant Director - Parks and Recreation

Subject: Application for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)
Grant for West Wabasso Park Playground

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) is a competitive program that provides grants for acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation use or to construct or renovate recreational trails. It is administered by the Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and has a maximum grant award of \$200,000. DEP allows agencies to apply for up to two grants / projects within one grant cycle. There are eligible projects identified in the current Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the County's Comprehensive Plan that could be leveraged by this grant. Elements identified in the CIE include replacement of the existing playground at West Wabasso Park under "Park Playground Replacement" on page A-11. The grant application cycle typically opens in August and staff is preparing now for the application cycle. If awarded and funded by the State, the grant award would be made for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 with a three-year completion date. Staff will host public meetings to meet all grant requirements.

Board approval is one of the prerequisites for application to this grant. It demonstrates that there is support not only for pursuing the grant but for completion of the projects once the grant is awarded. If awarded, the County will have three years to complete the projects included in the grant application.

The FRDAP grant typically requires a match in funding for consideration when requesting more than \$50,000. For \$50,000 and below, there is no match requirement. The total cost projected for County funding is \$150,000 with FRDAP assistance at \$50,000 which will assist with funding elements in the playground, specifically a shade structure.

FUNDING:

Funding for the project outlined will include a combination of funding from the 5-year Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan and proposed operating funds through the Parks Division’s FY24/25 Budget. Funding will be provided through Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Other Improvements Except Building.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Other Improvements Except Building	31521072-066390	\$200,000

*To be proposed in FY24/25

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve staff’s submission of a FRDAP Grant application as outlined above and authorize staff to execute any necessary grant submission documents for the application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in an amount of \$50,000.

ATTACHMENT:

Grant Form dated 8-7-23

Approved for August 15, 2023 Agenda