

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Kylie Yanchula, Natural Resources Director

THROUGH: Eric Charest, Assistant Director, Natural Resources Department

SUBJECT: Florida Department of Environmental Protection Local Government
Funding Request Grant 21IR1, Amendment #2, Indian River County's
Sector 5 Beach and Dune Restoration (2020) Cost-Share Funding
Assistance

DATE: December 30, 2024

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) received FY 2020/2021 funding to assist eligible governmental entities for beach erosion control activities under the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program. On May 19, 2021, FDEP entered into Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) Grant Agreement No. 21IR1 with Indian River County, committing up to \$326,329 at a 46.65% State/53.35% County cost share ratio for construction and post-construction required monitoring costs associated with the County's Sector 5 Beach and Dune Restoration Project which completed construction in March of 2020, with on-going post-construction monitoring.

Although construction of the 2020 Sector 5 Beach and Dune Restoration project was completed in March of 2020, on-going discussions have been taking place with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), and FDEP representatives on funding participation. This effort in determining the final Federal and non-Federal costs associated with the project has taken considerable time.

FDEP Grant 21IR1 specifies a cost share between the State and County for non-Federally reimbursed expenses, as such, the Federal reimbursement strategy must be finalized before cost share eligible expenses under this grant can be submitted for reimbursement. Due to the terms of the original 21IR1 agreement initially expiring on December 31, 2023, and as no funding determination had been solidified prior to the initial grant expiration, County staff requested the FDEP issue an extension to Grant 21IR1 in the form of Amendment #1 extending the term dates of the grant. On January 23, 2024, the County received Amendment #1 to 21IR1 which extended the grant for twelve (12) months while maintaining the same level of funding. The 12-month extension under Amendment #1 ran through December 31, 2024 and was anticipated to allow time for all agencies making funds available for the County's 2020 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.

As the Federal participation in the County's 2020 Sector 5 Beach and Dune Nourishment project

has only recently been identified, a second extension to LGFR Grant 21IR1 was requested by the County. On December 13, 2024, the FDEP provided the County with Amendment #2 for consideration. Amendment #2 to 21IR1 maintains the same level of funding and extends the terms of the grant agreement through for an additional 12 months, with the grant now proposed to remain in effect through December 31, 2025.

FUNDING

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

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve FDEP Amendment #2 to FDEP LGFR Grant Agreement 21IR1 and authorize the County Administrator to sign this Amendment. Staff also recommends that the Board further authorize the County Administrator to sign any future Amendments to LGFR 21IR1 that do not alter its' financial terms on behalf of the County and upon concurrence by the County Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FDEP Grant Agreement 21IR1
2. FDEP Grant Agreement 21IR1_A1
3. FDEP Grant Agreement 21IR1_A2

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: January 14, 2025