



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Assistant County Administrator /**  
**Department of General Services**  
**Parks and Conservation Resources Division**

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**Date:** March 31, 2020

**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator  
Kevin Kirwin, Director, Parks and Conservation Resources

**From:** Beth Powell, Asst. Director, Parks and Conservation Resources

**Subject:** 2020 Florida Inland Navigation District Resolution for Assistance – Historic Jones Pier Museum & Education Exhibits

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**DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:**

On October 15, 2019, staff presented the Board of County Commissioners with an update to the Jones' Pier Conservation Area Public Use Improvements. As part of that update, staff received authorization from the Board to apply for funding through available grant sources including the Florida Inland Navigation District's 2020 Waterways Assistance Program to repurpose the 1920s Bungalow Cottage/Main House as a museum with associated educational exhibits focused on historical and environmental education.

Since that date, the public use improvements have been awarded to a contractor and are currently underway. The County received the final architectural and engineering plans to elevate the 1920s Bungalow Cottage and forwarded those plans to the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for review and approval through the Florida State Historic Preservation Office. Once those plans have been approved, staff will be returning to the Board to provide an update and request authorization to enter into a Federally-Funded Sub-award and Grant Agreement for the elevation of the Cottage which will provide funding for the elevation work.

**ANALYSIS**

The attached resolution (Attachment E-7 of the FIND grant application) is in standardized format as required by FIND. The resolution indicates that the County is applying for approximately 36% (\$84,000.00) of the total estimated cost of the project. The following table provides a breakdown of estimated cost and funding requested:

<b>Project Elements</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>County Match</b>	<b>FIND Grant Application</b>	<b>County Funding Source</b>
Design, production and installation of museum exhibits (interior) including interior renovations for public access, design production and installation of outdoor wayside exhibits (interactive & static)	\$234,000	\$150,000	\$84,000	Jones' Pier Conservation Area House Restoration/Elevation – Land Acquisition Bond Proceeds Fund 145 & Optional Sales Tax

**FUNDING:**

The current application submitted to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for the Waterways Assistance includes funding assistance to create, manufacture and install educational exhibits in the Bungalow Cottage and throughout the site. The estimated cost for the improvements submitted in the grant proposal is \$234,000 with a County match of \$150,000 and a request to FIND for \$84,000. The County’s intended match will be in the form of funding approved in the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan updated on December 3, 2019 from MSTU Fund/Parks/Jones Pier Improvements (Account #: 00421072-066510-18010). This funding is identified to provide Restoration and Elevation of the historic building, thus, if awarded, the grant funding provided by FIND will be utilized to create, fabricate and install the museum and outdoor wayside exhibits.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners accept the resolution (FIND grant application “Attachment E-7”) and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the resolution on behalf of the County.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Copy of Resolution for Assistance 2020 (FIND grant application “Attachment E-7”)
2. IRC Grant Form – 2020 FIND Waterways Assistance Program

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR APRIL 14, 2020**