

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Melissa Meisenburg, Sr. Lagoon Environmental Specialist

**DATE:** March 5, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Indian River County and Sea & Shoreline, LLC Contractual Agreement for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant through the Indian River Lagoon Council

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**BACKGROUND**

On December 3, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) voted unanimously to approve the Cost-Share Agreement between the Indian River Lagoon Council (IRLNEP) and Indian River County (IRC) for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant. IRC’s seagrass projects were developed in partnership with Sea & Shoreline, LLC, a member of the IRLNEP’s Seagrass Consortium. The proposed contract formalizes the services Sea & Shoreline will perform for the County under the NOAA Transformational Habitat Grant. The County will pay Sea & Shoreline for the project costs and then seek reimbursement through the IRLNEP.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT**

IRC is responsible for paying Sea & Shoreline, LLC for the planting, maintenance, and monitoring of 22.8 acres of seagrass in the projected amount of \$1,073,506 over a 3-year period. The funds expended will be reimbursed through the IRLNEP Cost-Share Agreement authorized by the Board on December 3, 2024. Funding for this initiative will be made available in the Lagoon Division Budget, under Other Professional Services (00128337-033190). The County is providing in-kind support through staff involvement in construction, maintenance, and monitoring.

<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund/Lagoon/Other Professional Services	00128337-033190	\$1,073,506

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS**

On December 3, 2024, the Board approved the Cost-Share Agreement between the Indian River Lagoon Council and Indian River County for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant.

**POTENTIAL FUTURE BOARD ACTIONS**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

N/A

**OTHER PLAN ALIGNMENT**

Lagoon Management Plan

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve the Agreement for Seagrass Restoration Services with Sea & Shoreline, LLC, and authorize the Chairman to execute it, after review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Sea & Shoreline Seagrass Agreement