

**NDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: James D. Gray, Jr., Natural Resources Manager

SUBJECT: **Submittal of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Grant FY18/19**

DATE: May 9, 2018

CONSENT ITEM

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

Late April 2018, the County received notification that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) was soliciting technical assistance grant requests for State FY 2018/19.

Staff wanted to make the Board aware that on May 7, 2018, the County responded to the DEO solicitation and is requesting \$13,500 to develop a living shoreline/oyster reef demonstration site at Round Island Riverside Park. The living shoreline/oyster reef demonstration project is one of the small-scale lagoon projects staff identified as a way to further showcase the County's efforts to improve water quality in the lagoon.

The grant is cost reimbursement and does not require matching funds. The grant period is July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 and requires all work to be completed by May 31, 2019. Given the relatively short project completion period and that the grant is a cost reimbursement basis it may be prudent to begin the project in advance of potential grant funding. This way the project can be fully designed and permitted if funds become available.

FUNDING

Funds for this expenditure are not currently budgeted, but can be funded by a budget amendment for \$20,000 from General Fund/Reserve for Contingency to General Fund/Lagoon/Other Professional Services- Acct # 00128337-033190.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board support the submittal of the FY 18/19 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Grant for the living shoreline/oyster reef demonstration project at Round Island Park. Staff also recommends that the Board authorize a budget amendment in order to begin project design and permitting.

ATTACHMENT

Submitted Technical Assistance Grant Application.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: MAY 15, 2018