

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**CONSENT**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Nancy A. Bunt, Assistant 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 25IR1, Indian River County’s Sector 3 Hurricanes Ian and Nicole Dune Restoration Cost-Share Funding Assistance

**DATE:** November 18, 2024

**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) received FY 2024/2025 funding to assist eligible governmental entities for beach erosion control activities under the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program. The FDEP has allocated \$3,774,503.51 under Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) Grant 25IR1 as a cost share for construction and construction related monitoring expenses for Indian River County’s Sector 3 Hurricanes Ian and Nicole Dune Restoration Project which completed construction in April of 2024.

The attached agreement commits up to \$3,774,503.51 in cost-share funding from FDEP to the County’s local cost share of up to \$3,774,503.51. Federal funding and existing FDEP LGFR 23IR2 (Indian River County 2022 Hurricane Ian and Nicole Recovery Project) reimbursement funding for the project is estimated to be up to \$9,524,024.00 (Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) and Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and FDEP LGFR Grant 23IR2)), totaling up to \$17,073,031.02 for construction and construction related monitoring expenses for the County’s Sector 3 Hurricanes Ian and Nicole Dune Restoration Project. Cost-share is outlined in the table below. The agreement identifies Indian River County as the Local Sponsor, Natural Resources Assistant Director Eric Charest as the project manager, and has an expiration date of December 31, 2027.

Following Board approval, the County will transmit the partially executed Agreement to the State for final signatures. Upon receipt of the fully executed original FDEP Grant Agreement 25IR1 from the State, staff will transmit to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners for filing.

Task #	Eligible Project Task	DEP Cost Share (%)	FEMA and DEM and LGFR 23IR2 Cost Share	DEP Cost Share	Local Cost Share	Total
1	Construction	50%	\$9,524,024.00	\$3,774,503.51	\$3,774,503.51	\$17,073,031.02

**FUNDING**

There is no additional funding required for this item, as it is just the acceptance of the grant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board approve FDEP Grant Agreement No. 25IR1 for up to \$3,774,503.51 and authorize the County Administrator to sign and execute the Agreement on behalf of the County and upon concurrence from the County Attorney.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. FDEP Grant Agreement 25IR1
2. Indian River County Grant Form No. 25IR1

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: December 3, 2024**