

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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**TO:** Jason E. Brown  
County Administrator

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

**FROM:** James D. Gray, Jr.   
Coastal Engineer

**SUBJECT:** **Notice of Application for Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program Grants for Various Projects**

**DATE:** January 16, 2018

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**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS**

On January 8, 2018 the County received notification from the Indian River Lagoon Council that the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP) is seeking grant proposals for its FY 2018-2019 grant program. Grants for various project categories are available: (1) Restoration Projects (\$860,000 funding available); (2) Science and Innovative Technologies Projects (\$300,000 funding available); (3) Citizen Engagement and Education Projects (\$100,000 funding available); and (4) Resilient Coastal Communities Planning Project (\$52,050 funding available). The Public Works Department proposes to apply for the following grants:

1. Stormwater Division - Restoration Projects grant for the North Relief Canal Managed Aquatic Plant System (requesting \$250,000).
2. Stormwater Division - Science and Innovative Technologies Projects grant for the North Relief Canal Managed Aquatic Plant System (requesting \$50,000).
3. Coastal Division – Citizen Engagement and Education Project grant for Round Island Park (requesting \$5,000)

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to request the County Commission's approval to apply for the referenced grants. The main purpose of the IRLNEP grants is to fund projects that will increase the health of the Indian River Lagoon.

**Grant Proposal Schedule**

- January 8, 2018 – IRLNEP Grant Proposal Notification
- January 19, 2018 – Mandatory Pre-Proposal Statement of Intent
- January 24, 2018 – Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting (Webinar)
- February 26, 2018 – Proposals due

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### **FUNDING**

Estimated costs for these projects have not been determined, but will likely range from several thousands of dollars to several million. Matches for the grants vary from 50% to 75% percent of the project cost. Local funding for the projects must be finalized. If awarded, the grant agreement(s) will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for final funding approval and grant execution.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is requesting authorization to submit grant application packages to the IRLNEP for the above referenced projects and to authorize staff to sign the grant applications after review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency, if required.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

IRLNEP Pre-Proposal Letters of Intent

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: JANUARY 23, 2018**