



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services

Date: October 22, 2018
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Thru: Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator
From: Beth Powell, Conservation Lands Manager
Subject: Notice of Grant Award from the Florida Inland Navigation District for the Jones' Pier and Oyster Bar Marsh Conservation Areas – Waterways Assistance Program #IR-18-67 and #IR-18-68.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

On March 20, 2018, and May 1, 2018, staff presented two Consent Agenda items for the Jones' Pier Conservation Area Public Use Improvements and the Oyster Bar Marsh Conservation Area improvements, respectively. The items presented the opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Florida Inland Navigation District's Waterways Assistance Program. The Board of County Commissioners approved both Resolutions and grant applications presented. Both applications were successfully submitted and the County has been chosen to receive both grant awards with modified funding amounts during the 2018-19 funding cycle.

THE PROJECTS:

#IR-18-67 JONES' PIER CONSERVATION AREA PUBLIC USE IMPROVEMENTS

On March 6, 2018, the Board authorized staff to apply for grants for the Jones' Pier Conservation Area public use improvements and other site improvements including the wetland. Subsequently, on March 20, 2018, the Board authorized the chairman to execute a Resolution for the 2018-19 FIND Grant Application in the amount of \$150,000 with a County match of \$150,000. After receiving the engineer's estimate and while finalizing the grant request of \$150,000, staff included the water and sewer connection which raised the total project cost to \$364,000. The approved funding from FIND WAP for the Jones' Pier Conservation Area is \$130,000 with a County match of \$130,000. These funds will be utilized toward public use improvements including site work, construction of the parking lot, restrooms, and picnic pavilions. Below is the modified project cost estimate proposed in the revised grant agreement.

	Total	County	FIND
Sitework	\$29,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
Parking Lot & Dry Retention	\$59,000.00	\$7,250.00	\$51,750.00
Water & Sewer (partial cost – total cost estimated \$122,000)	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
Restroom	\$92,000.00	\$63,250.00	\$28,750.00
Picnic Pavilion	\$45,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$35,000.00
Professional Services	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00
Educational Signs	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$260,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00

#IR-18-68 OYSTER BAR MARSH TRAIL

The original grant application requested \$140,850 with a County match of \$140,850. The approved funding from FIND WAP for the Oyster Bar Marsh Trail is \$120,000 with a county match of \$161,700. These funds will be utilized toward public use improvements including construction of the entrance road and parking area, entrance gate, trailhead, interpretive signs, directional and informational signage, lagoon observation pavilion, boardwalks and habitat restoration. Below is the modified project cost estimate proposed in the revised grant agreement.

	Total	County	FIND
Entrance road and parking area	\$50,000.00	\$45,850.00	\$4,150.00
Entrance gate	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Trailhead	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Interpretive Signs	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Directional and informational signage	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Lagoon observation pavilion	\$45,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00
Northern boardwalk	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Southern boardwalk	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Habitat restoration	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total:	\$281,700.00	\$161,700.00	\$120,000.00

FUNDING:

Jones' Pier Conservation Area is proposed for funding from the balance of the Windsor Properties Exchange Donation, as approved in the 2017 Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Additional expenses may be funded through MSTU/Parks/Jones Pier Improvements Acct #00421072-066510-18010.

As presented to and authorized by the Board on April 4, 2017, the funding source for the County's match related to the Oyster Bar Marsh project for this FY2018-19 grant will be funded with Optional Sales Tax, Parks/Oyster Bar Boardwalk & Parking – Acct# 31521072-066390-18009.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board accept the Florida Inland Navigation District grants for both Jones' Pier Conservation Area, Project #IR-18-67 and Oyster Bar Marsh Trail, Project #IR-18-68 and authorize the Chairman to execute the Project Agreement between Florida Inland Navigation District and Indian River County.

Attachments:

2018 FIND Waterway Assistance Program Grant Award for Jones' Pier Conservation Area Public Use Improvements, Project #IR-18-67

2018 FIND Waterway Assistance Program Grant Award for Oyster Bar Marsh Trail, Project #IR-18-68

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018