



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

Date: January 25, 2019

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator
Kevin Kirwin, Director, Parks & Conservation Resources

From: Beth Powell, Assistant Director, Park & Conservation Resources

Subject: Notice of Grant Award from FDEP Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Public Access Improvements to the Hallstrom Farmstead Conservation Area – Agreement Number LW695

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

On March 6, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners authorized staff to complete and submit a grant application for the Hallstrom Farmstead Conservation Area Public Use Improvements to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Staff prepared and submitted the grant application for \$148,500 with a County match of \$148,500. On January 22, 2019, staff was notified that the County's application was recommended for funding and approved by Deputy Secretary, David Clark.

The LWCF is a competitive program that provides grants for acquiring or developing land for public outdoor recreational use. The LWCF is a reimbursement grant program administered by the FDEP. Grant funds may be used for outdoor recreation facilities such as picnic areas, trails, ballfields and support facilities such as restrooms and parking. This grant will leverage existing funding outlined in the County's Five Year Capital Improvements for Conservation Lands to construct the parking area, two picnic pavilions, boardwalks and walking trails. Under the grant agreement, the project is required to be completed by September 22, 2022.

FUNDING:

The total budget of \$297,000 for the improvements awarded in this grant is outlined in the 5-year Capital Improvements Element FY2021/22 of the Comprehensive Plan adopted on December 18, 2018. The funding source for the County's match for this grant (\$148,500) will be funded by the Sebastian Harbor Preserve FCT Grant Fund 145. To expedite the project and complete construction within the grant schedule, staff will request the FY2021/22 funding be accelerated to FY2019/2020 under the 2019 update to the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The budget and scope of work within the grant application does not include the restroom, water and sewer services. The conceptual site plan has not been developed to a point where detailed cost estimates are available. The scope of work approved by the BCC for MBV Engineering, Inc. Work Order No. 5 to complete the site plan includes the restroom, therefore the budget associated with these elements of the project will be identified on the plans as a future phase. The budget associated with the future phase will be incorporated into a subsequent year of the CIE.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board accept the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement No. LW695 for the Hallstrom Farmstead Conservation Area and authorize the Chairman to execute the Grant Agreement between Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency and Indian River County. Staff further requests authorization to execute any and all additional grant related documents pertinent to this award.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. January 22, 2019 Award Letter
2. LWCF Priority List
3. State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement – Agreement Number LW695, plus Attachments
4. FDEP Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Form – Subaward to a Recipient
5. IRC Grant Form

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR FEBRUARY 05, 2019