



DEPARTMENTAL
BCC Meeting June 20, 2023

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

Date: June 5, 2023

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Through: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

From: Beth Powell, Director Parks and Recreation

Subject: Support Pursuit of a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant for the Victor Hart Sr. Enhancement Complex and Gifford Aquatic Center

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) is a competitive program that provides grants for acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation use or to construct or renovate recreational trails. It is administered by the Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and has a maximum grant award of \$200,000. There are three eligible projects identified in the current Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the County's Comprehensive Plan that could be leveraged by this matching grant. Additionally, staff propose to budget for a new scoreboard for the Lundy Senior League Field in the FY24/25 operating budget. Elements identified in the CIE include replacement of the existing playground at the Victor Hart Sr. Enhancement Complex, as well as replacement of the water slide, and replacement of the splash pad at the Gifford Aquatic Center. The grant application cycle typically opens in August and staff is preparing now for the application cycle. If awarded and funded by the State, the grant award would be made for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 with a three-year completion date. Staff will host various public meetings and obtain letters of support from existing user groups and civic groups to meet and exceed all grant requirements.

Board approval is one of the prerequisites for application to this grant. It demonstrates that there is support not only for pursuing the grant but for completion of the projects once the grant is awarded. If awarded, the County will have three years to complete the projects included in the grant application.

The FRDAP grant typically requires a 50% match in funding for consideration. The total cost projected for County funding is \$660,000 with FRDAP assistance at \$200,000 which will create a County match of 77%.

FUNDING:

Funding for the projects outlined will include a combination of funding from the 5-year Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan and proposed operating funds through the Parks Division’s FY24/25 Budget.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Gifford Aquatic Center Slide Replacement	31521072-066390	\$200,000
Gifford Aquatic Center Splash Pad Replacement	31521072-066390	\$300,000
Victor Hart Sr. Enhancement Complex Playground	31521072-066390	\$150,000
Victor Hart Sr. Enhancement Complex Lundy Senior League Score Board	00121072-066390*	\$10,000

*To be proposed in FY24/25

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve staff’s submission of a FRDAP Grant application as outlined above and authorize staff to execute any necessary grant submission documents for the application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in an amount of \$200,000.

ATTACHMENT:

Grant Form dated 6-13-23

Approved for June 20, 2023 Agenda