

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
THROUGH: Kylie Yanchula, Natural Resources Director
FROM: Melissa Meisenburg, Sr. Lagoon Environmental Specialist
SUBJECT: Approval of FWC Grant for Indian River County Derelict Vessel Removal Project
DATE: June 18, 2024

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

On May 10, 2024, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved Staff's recommendation to apply for a Derelict Vessel Removal Grant (Grant) with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Staff applied for the Grant and was subsequently notified by FWC of the award of \$33,600.00 in a Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant (Contract No. 24030). The Grant award will reimburse the County for costs associated with the removal and disposal of five (5) derelict vessels from the Indian River Lagoon within Indian River County. Officers from FWC have investigated the vessels and determined the vessels as derelict in accordance with sections 705.101 (3) and 823.11, Florida Statutes. The derelict designation from FWC allows the removal and disposal of the vessels, improving boating safety by removing hazards to navigation and the environment.

Outlaw Maritime, LLC has been the County's contractor in prior derelict vessel removal projects, adhering to FWC's Best Management Practices for derelict vessel removal. Outlaw Maritime, LLC has provided a cost proposal to the County of \$33,600.00 to remove all five (5) currently authorized derelict vessels following the same protocols as previous removal tasks.

FUNDING

The cost to remove and dispose of the five (5) derelict vessels totals \$33,600.00. The FWC Grant will provide the County with 100% reimbursement of the associated costs not to exceed \$33,600.00. This task is budgeted for in the Florida Boating Improvement Program /IR Lagoon/ Other Contractual Services, Account #13328337-033490.

Account Name	Account No.	Amount
Florida Boating Improvement Program/IR Lagoon/Other Contractual Services	13328337-033490	\$33,600.00

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Chair to sign and execute Contract 24030 in the amount of \$33,600.00 on behalf of the County.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FWC 24030 Indian River County DV Removal Agreement
2. Summer 2024 IRC DV Removal Map

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR June 18, 2024