

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

THROUGH: Eric Charest, Interim Natural Resources Director

FROM: Melissa Meisenburg, Senior Lagoon Environmental Specialist

SUBJECT: Approval to Submit an FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Application

DATE: November 15, 2023

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has authorized the removal of four (4) derelict vessels from the Indian River Lagoon and the St. Sebastian River within the jurisdiction of 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 for the vessels removed and properly disposed of, improving boating safety and removing these hazards to navigation and the environment. Outlaw Maritime, LLC has provided a cost proposal to the County of \$31,000.00 to remove and dispose of the four (4) authorized derelict vessels following FWC best management practices. Staff has prepared an FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Grant application providing detailed information on the proposed removal tasks. The FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant is a reimbursement grant for 100% of the costs associated with the cost of derelict vessel removal.

FUNDING

The cost to remove and dispose of the four (4) derelict vessels totals \$31,000.00. If awarded, the FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant will provide the County with 100% reimbursement of the associated costs not to exceed \$31,000.00. This task is budgeted for in the Florida Boating Improvement Program – Other Contractual Service Account #13321072-033490.

Account Name	Account No.	Amount
Florida Boating Improvement Program/Other Contractual Services	13321072-033490	\$31,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Chair to sign the FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Application.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FWC Bulk DV Grant App_2023_2

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR

December 5, 2023