

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

INFORMATIONAL

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

THROUGH: Nancy Bunt, Assistant County Administrator

FROM: Kylie Yanchula, Natural Resources Director

SUBJECT: Letter of Intent for Boat US Foundation Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) Removal Grant

DATE: June 24th, 2024

DESCRIPTION

The BoatUS Foundation was awarded a \$10 million grant from The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to administer a competitive grant program for the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels in U.S. coastal waterways. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000. The BoatUS Foundation is seeking Letters of Intent (LOIs) from organizations wishing to apply for grant funds for derelict vessel removal projects. The BoatUS Foundation will review the LOIs and invite organizations with high scoring eligible projects to apply to the grant program.

Indian River County currently has two vessels pending Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Letters of Authorization declaring them as derelict and eligible for removal and disposal. In the event we have an eligible vessel removal project prior to the August 12, 2024, deadline, the Natural Resources Department will submit a LOI to the Boat US Foundation derelict vessel removal grant program. If invited to formally apply, we will request permission to apply through the Board of County Commissioners with additional project details.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: July 2, 2024