

1. Requested Motion:

Meeting Date: April 2, 2012

Approve and authorize staff to prepare and submit funding applications to the West Coast Inland Navigational District for marine law enforcement and mooring field operations and maintenance for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Why the action is necessary:

The Town Council has requested staff to inform and seek authorization for all external funding requests.

What the action accomplishes:

It authorizes staff to move forward with the FY2012/2013 funding requests.

2. Agenda:

- Consent
- Administrative

3. Requirement/Purpose:

- Resolution
- Ordinance
- Other: Grant Authorization

4. Submitter of Information:

- Council
- Town Staff - Public Works
- Town Attorney

5. Background:

The Town of Fort Myers Beach has traditionally sought support for marine law enforcement and mooring facility maintenance related expenses from the West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND). Funding was also provided through this program for the kayak facilities at the Mound House and the re-dredging for the Laguna Shores Channel. The WCIND grant program requires a commitment by the Town to match 50% of certain grant allocations. The established deadline for FY2013 was March 19, 2012. Staff submitted the application in advance of approval to meet the required submittal deadline. WCIND will review the application and make a determination of the funding allocation by October 1, 2012.

The application is consistent with those submitted in previous years, maximizing the Town's reimbursement of eligible expenditures from the grant program as follows: Marine Law Enforcement: \$66,000.00 (Town match of \$33,000.00); Mooring Field Operations and Maintenance: \$34,400.00 (Town match of \$17,200.00).

Attached for review is a memorandum and the supporting grant documents that have been submitted.

6. Alternative Action:

Disapprove and provide Staff with a funding alternative.

7. Management Recommendations:

Approve

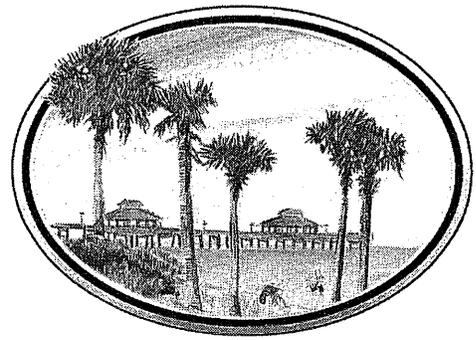
8. Recommended Approval:

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Cultural Resources Director	Town Clerk
						

9. Council Action:

- Approved Denied Deferred Other

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2012
TO: Terry Stewart, Town Manager
FROM: Cathie Lewis, Public Works Director *C Lewis*
SUBJECT: WCIND Funding Request – FY 2012/2013

This memo, in addition to the grant application, is being provided to bring you up to date on West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND) funding status. In recent years, WCIND has been reducing allocations to all applicants and the Town has experienced these same reductions. Of course this has come at a time when all economic resources have been stretched.

Through a recent conversation with Justin McBride, the Lee County WCIND project administrator, he indicated that WCIND is beginning to question funding facility maintenance costs versus improvement projects. Resulting from that conversation, included with this year's maintenance application the FY11 Maritime Division budget was included to clearly illustrate that expenses clearly exceed revenues generated from the program. It is imperative that the Town continue with the maintenance and replacement of the mooring systems. During next fiscal year staff will be looking at the possibility of increasing the rental rates by researching the requirements of the Submerged Land Lease as it relates to the rental rates that can be charged and modifying the lease if necessary as well as preparing a comparison of rates and fees that other mooring facilities charge. Staff will be seeking assistance from the Anchorage Advisory Committee with this work.

Marine Law enforcement funding has also been reduced when in fact the need to additional enforcement is needed. In recent years the number of registered boats in Lee County has increased from 44,000 to more than 85,000. Due to these reductions, enforcement activities for the Town have been limited to three days per week. The Lee County Sheriff Marine Law Enforcement has recently requested that the Town consider allocating for a full time officer. This is another aspect of the Town's maritime operations that will be researched during next fiscal year.

I was not aware of these two specific issues until this week which made it impossible to prepare the documentation needed to move these issues forward. I am hopeful that the funding allocated by WCIND for FY13 will be consistent with what was received for FY12.

Attachment

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Lee County Natural Resources Division / WCIND Waterway Development Program
Proposal Form for Sub-grantees

1. Applicant: Town of Fort Myers Beach Date: March 19, 2012
Project Manager: Jeff Richard E-mail: Jeff@FortMyersBeachFL.gov
Phone: (239)765-0202 ext. 103 Fax: (239)765-0909
FEID#: 65-0632342
Address: 2523 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

2. Project Title: Matanzas Harbor Municipal Mooring Field System Replacement

3. Category: Navigation Improvement Environmental Education
(check one) Boating Safety Recreation Law Enforcement

4. Description & Public Benefits (attach sheets if necessary):
See Attached

5. Permits Required and Status: N/A

6. Estimated Start Date: 10/01/2012 Estimated Completion Date: 09/30/2013
(May not be prior to October 1)

7. Estimated Total Project Cost: \$34,400.00 Grant Funds Requested: \$17,200.00
Identify Matching Funds, if Applicable: The Town of Fort Myers Beach will match the Requested grant amount with a \$17,200.00 commitment.

Complete Estimated Budget Summary on Reverse Side or Separate Attachment.

8. I hereby certify that the information provided herein is true and accurate.

Signature: Terrance Stewart Date: 3-20-2012
Printed: Terrance Stewart Title: Town Manager

BUDGET ESTIMATE DETAIL	Grant Funds	Matching Funds ¹	Total
Construction Expenses (specify)			
Contractual Services (specify) Professional diver to Install mooring systems and Helical anchors for special purpose Buoys.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
Materials (specify) Twenty (20) complete mooring systems @ \$1,300.00 each	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$26,000.00
Equipment (specify) Four (4) helical anchors For special purpose buoys @ Approx. \$600.00 each	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
Salaries ²			
Other (specify)			
GRAND TOTAL	\$17,200.00	\$17,200.00	\$34,400.00

¹ Matching funds are **required** only for Boating Safety and Recreation projects, but are encouraged for all projects.

² Salaries are **only** eligible as a grant expense for Law Enforcement projects.

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FY 12-13 Proposal Form for Sub-grantees

Applicant: Town of Fort Myers Beach

Date: March 19, 2012

Attachment, Section 4. Description & Public Benefits:

The Town of Fort Myers Beach proudly operates and maintains the Matanzas Harbor Municipal Mooring Field. The field boasts seventy (70) mooring balls available for public rental at low daily and monthly fees, and accommodates vessels up to 48 feet in length. The rental fees include pump-out service and the use of amenities including showers, restrooms, laundry room, vending and ice machines, and a public dinghy dock. For recreational cruisers, the Matanzas Harbor Municipal Mooring Field is a wonderful destination. Coming ashore at the Town's dingy dock puts boaters within walking distance to beaches, restaurants, shopping, nightlife, and public transportation. The Matanzas Harbor Municipal Mooring Field is yet another part of the Town of Fort Myers Beach that attracts visitors and provides additional benefits to island residents.

Construction of the Matanzas Harbor Municipal Mooring Field was completed in December 2004. Since that time, ongoing maintenance has been performed on the mooring systems above water (the mooring buoys and pendants) by removing barnacles and replacing fouled lines. In August of 2007, the Town had its marine engineer perform a thorough visual and tactile inspection of the mooring systems' ground tackle below the water line to assess wear and assist in developing a schedule for repair and replacement of the mooring systems. The engineer's report indicated normal, yet significant, wear to

many of the systems and recommended replacing all systems in the field starting with those that are in the worst condition.

With the safety of our patrons a top priority, the Town started replacing complete mooring systems in 2008. All seventy (70) mooring systems have been replaced as of late January 2012. The Town's plan is to replace each system every four (4) years. Routine maintenance to all tackle above water will remain constant and continue to be at the Town's expense. Because the Town's expenses exceed the revenue generated from the Matanzas Harbor Municipal Mooring Field, the financial burden of replacing and repairing these systems is significant. The Town is seeking grant money to alleviate some of this pressure. Please see attached financial data for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Currently, seventy (70) complete mooring systems have been replaced since January 2008. Utilizing WCIND grant funding, the Town hopes to purchase and replace twenty (20) complete mooring systems in 2013 to begin the 4 (four) year replacement of systems installed in 2008.

At the time the municipal mooring system was installed special purpose buoys were installed depicting the boundaries of the mooring field. The anchor systems utilized for the installation of these buoys needs to be replaced with a longer lasting anchor system. During the course of replacing some of the buoys, helical type anchors were used that have been found to be very durable. All of the buoy anchors will be replaced with this type of anchor.

3/20/2012

Town of Fort Myers Beach
Fiscal Year 2011

		2010/2011	WTD
	Description	Budget	

Maritime Revenue

01.000.335.3182	Mooring Field Sales Tax	-	-
01.000.337.3702	Mooring Field Grants	-	21,338
01.000.337.3915	WCIND-Mooring Field Main	-	6,619
01.000.344.3503	Harborage User Fees	85,000	94,980
01.000.344.3504	Pump Out Services	1,500	1,065
01.000.361.3752	Mooring Field Interest	800	588
Total Maritime Revenues		87,300	124,590

Maritime Expenses

01.190.513.5533	Mooring Field Bank Charg	-	3,239
01.190.543.5120	Mooring Field Salaries	31,200	29,329
01.190.543.5140	Overtime	-	79
01.190.543.5210	FICA Taxes	2,387	2,097
01.190.543.5220	Retirement	3,120	2,989
01.190.543.5238	Life Health & Disability	10,362	10,500
01.190.543.5346	Repairs & Maintenance	16,990	19,724
01.190.543.5410	Telephone & Communicatio	450	352
01.190.543.5457	Channel Maintenance & Re	2,400	103
01.190.543.5463	Capital - Public Dock	-	-
01.190.543.5464	Boat/Equipment Purchase	-	-
01.190.543.5541	Canal Dredging Project	-	-
01.190.543.5542	MLE Enforcement (Wages &	47,500	51,540
01.190.543.5543	MLE Enforcement (Fuel)	11,600	12,090
01.190.543.5544	Abandoned Vessel Removal	-	-
01.190.543.5545	Mooring Field Operations	62,000	64,947
01.190.543.5564	Capital - Boat Replaceme	-	-
01.190.543.5849	Mooring Field Sales Tax	-	-
Total Maritime Expenses		188,009	196,988

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2. Project Title: Marine Law Enforcement

3. Category: Navigation Improvement _____ Environmental Education _____
(check one) Boating Safety _____ Recreation _____ Law Enforcement X

4. Description & Public Benefits (attach sheets if necessary):
See attachment

5. Permits Required and Status: N/A

6. Estimated Start Date: 10/01/2012 Estimated Completion Date: 09/30/2013
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7. Estimated Total Project Cost: \$66,000.00 Grant Funds Requested: \$26,197.50
Identify Matching Funds, if Applicable: The Town of Fort Myers Beach will budget and provide \$33,000.00 to match total project cost.

Complete Estimated Budget Summary on Reverse Side or Separate Attachment.

8. I hereby certify that the information provided herein is true and accurate.

Signature: *Terrance Stewart* Date: 3-20-2012
Printed: Terrance Stewart Title: Town Manager

BUDGET ESTIMATE DETAIL	Grant Funds	Matching Funds ¹	Total
Construction Expenses			
(specify)			
Contractual Services	\$26,197.50	\$33,000.00	
(specify)			
Materials			
(specify)			
Equipment			
(specify)			
Salaries ²			
Other			
(specify)			
Carry over funds from FY 10-11	\$6,802.50		
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GRAND TOTAL	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$66,000.00

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The Lee County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit provides the Town of Fort Myers Beach with excellent service patrolling the Matanzas Harbor Municipal Mooring Field and the shoreline of Estero Island. These officers respond to a range of complaints, including abandoned vessels, and are directly involved in the prevention of marine theft and environmental degradation. The Marine Unit is also the Town's first responders to any boating accidents or other emergency situations on the water. The Town takes the safety of its boaters and improvement of water quality very seriously. This law enforcement program is an integral part of accomplishing safe and environmentally sound public waterways.

The users of the waterways surrounding the Town of Fort Myers Beach and the Town greatly appreciate and rely on the service provided by Lee County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit. The Town will be unable to maintain this same level of service without the assistance of this funding request.