



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Janai Bowens, NCS Assistant Director, Neighborhood and Community Services
THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
DATE: July 14, 2026

SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY (SWA) BLIGHTED AND DISTRESSED PROPERTY CLEAN-UP
GRANT CONSIDERATION

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve the authorization of the application process for the SWA Blighted and Distressed Property Clean-up Grant Application. (Please note the 2026 grant has not been released yet)

Background:

The City of Delray Beach is seeking authorization to submit an application to the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Blighted and Distressed Property Cleanup Grant Program for the FY 2026-2027 funding cycle. This annual grant program provides financial assistance to municipalities for the removal of blight, enhancement of public safety, and improvement of neighborhood aesthetics through targeted cleanup and restoration activities. SWA has run this program for a number of years without alteration thus, Staff has proactively reviewed the grant requirements prior to the formal notice of grant availability and initiated the internal approval process to ensure the City is fully prepared and compliant prior to submitting the application. This early coordination reflects our commitment to responsible grant management and timely pursuit of external funding opportunities.

Mike Machek Boy Scout Park, located at 413 Lake Ida Road, has been identified as a qualifying project site due to the deteriorated condition of the perimeter fencing along the rear property line. The fencing has become structurally compromised over time, resulting in visible blight, safety concerns, and diminished usability of the park space. Public Works staff have confirmed that replacement of the damaged fencing is necessary to restore the park's boundary, improve security, and enhance the overall appearance of the facility.

The SWA Blighted and Distressed Property Cleanup Grant provides an opportunity for the City to address these conditions without relying solely on General Fund resources. If awarded, grant funds would be used to remove the existing damaged fencing and install new, code compliant fencing along the affected boundary. This project aligns with the City's ongoing efforts to maintain safe, attractive, and well functioning public spaces.

City Attorney Review:

Not Applicable

Funding Source:

No Financial Impact on the city.

Timing of Request:

This request is not time sensitive as the 26-27 grant has not been released yet.