



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
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THROUGH: Mark R. Lauzier, City Manager
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APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 124-18 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUNDING OF \$300,000 THROUGH A LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR THE ATLANTIC DUNES PARK PROJECT PHASE 1 (CITY PROJECT NO 17-096)

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve City of Delray Beach (City) Resolution No. 124-18 authorizing and directing the City Manager to request and accept funding from a Legislative Appropriation for the Atlantic Dunes Park Project (City Project #17-096) through the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Background:

The City requested a Legislative Appropriation for improvements to the Atlantic Dunes Park to provide stormwater management and parking lot reconstruction, as well as a number of park improvements. Atlantic Dunes Park is located at 1605 South Ocean Boulevard, along the Coastal Dune in Delray Beach. The Park's parking lot area suffers from water quality issues created by storm events and higher high tides (King Tides) induced flooding and a low seawall on the Intracoastal Waterway that allows contaminants from the parking area to flow into the waterway. Additionally, the park has significant invasive exotic plant species overgrowth; the park improvement project proposes to remove exotic vegetation and replace with appropriate plantings for the Coastal Dune Ecosystem and to add a raised boardwalk pedestrian nature trail with kiosks providing the educational information and natural history aspects of the area.

The Florida Legislature approved the City for \$300,000 in funding which will be provided through a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) grant. Given the amount of grant funding provided, the City is proposing to complete Phase 1, which includes design of all aspects of the project and construction of the seawalls under this FDEP agreement. The \$300,000 legislative appropriation / grant does not require a cost share or financial commitment from the City other than Staff time.

In order to complete construction of Phase 2 of this project, the City will request another Legislative Appropriation next year. Phase 2 work consists of the reconstruction of the parking lots and park improvements, including exotic vegetation removal, nature trails and educational kiosks.

The FDEP requires the attached resolution from the City authorizing the City Manager to request and accept funding for the project.

City Attorney Review:

City Attorney approves as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

Funding was budgeted in the FY 19 CIP and is available in account number 377-41-340-541.63-11. These funds will be reimbursed by the FDEP grant. If this resolution is not approved, the City will not be able to move forward with this project at this time.

Timing of Request:

This request is time-sensitive due to FDEP deadlines for processing the grant with the City.