

City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

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Implementation Timeline:										
Estimated Start Date: 10/1/2024						Estimated End Date: 9/30/2025				

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT PROGRAMS INDENTIFIED IN "EXHIBIT A" AS PART OF THE CITYWIDE GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT AWARD AND EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

Staff seeks City Commission approval of the FY 2024-25 Grant Proposal Matrix and advanced authorization for the City Manager or Executive Director to execute necessary documents for the submission and potential acceptance of pre-selected grant applications supporting citywide projects for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Background:

The purpose of the Grants Division is to centralize the management and development of grants, including accounting, compliance, identifying grant opportunities, and coordinating City-wide applications. Our goal is to safeguard grant funding while increasing revenues to offset the costs of City projects, programs, and services.

Over the past few years, we have focused on developing internal controls to ensure compliance with current grant contracts, alongside creating a strategy to guide City-wide grant applications. Since its inception, the Grants Division (formerly known as the Grants Office) has secured approximately \$40 million in grant funding to support various City departments as of September 30, 2024.

As part of our strategic approach, a comprehensive review of grant opportunities was conducted, leading to the creation of a Grant Funding Matrix. This matrix serves to review, identify, and plan for the submission of grant opportunities that align with the City's goals and departmental initiatives. It offers a snapshot of pre-selected grants that will drive City-wide grant writing efforts and outlines potential funding opportunities if proposals are awarded.

The Grant Matrix is centered on upcoming and anticipated opportunities stemming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), passed three years ago. This legislation emphasizes key investments in stormwater infrastructure to enhance climate resilience, and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure to support the transition to clean transportation. Additionally, it provides funding for critical upgrades in cybersecurity, emergency management systems, and the development of modernized Emergency Operating Centers. Significant resources are also available for the procurement of essential police equipment, ensuring public safety agencies are well-equipped to respond to evolving challenges.

Current Situation:

Given the often-short window of time to prepare and submit grant applications, there may not always be time to present agenda items to the City Commission before submission. Therefore, the attached list of pre-selected grant opportunities has been identified for consideration during fiscal year 2024-2025.

The potential benefits of these grants, if awarded, include offsetting expenditures for projects in categories such as healthy communities, mobility, parks and recreation, public safety, sustainability, transportation, utilities, and infrastructure.

Grant writing services will be offered to departments based on criteria such as the level of effort required to complete the application, the complexity of application materials, and the expected award amount.

For transparency and accountability, the Grants Division will submit quarterly reports to the City Manager detailing the progress of grant proposals, outcomes, expenditures on grant writing, and general program activities. Additionally, strategies for managing the impact of new grant awards and ensuring compliance will be included in these reports.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01, of the City of Hallandale Beach Charter, Resolutions are to be presented to and adopted by a majority of the Commission. Furthermore, as per the Grants Administrative Policy, a resolution of the City Commission authorizing the approval and acceptance of the grant application and/or award is required.

Cost Benefit:

Securing grants provides a strategic opportunity to supplement the City of Hallandale Beach's budget without replacing existing funds. This allows us to enhance both current and future projects by leveraging external financial resources. Specifically, grants from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) can boost our budgetary allocations, offering additional support for priority areas. This reinforces our commitment to improving the city's infrastructure while ensuring fiscal responsibility by utilizing external funding sources rather than relying solely on our own budget.

Given the alignment between the infrastructure bill's priorities and our City's projects, a successful grant application process can yield significant financial benefits. The systematic approach adopted by the Grants Division ensures not only compliance but also that we maximize value for the City. Approving the proposed actions will enable us to effectively combine budgetary supplementation with infrastructural development.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The City Commission considers the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Resolution Exhibit A – List of Proposed Grant Applications & Matching Requirements

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