

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 12, 2018

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Beth Zickar, Director of Recreation

Re: Authorization to Execute a Grant Application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
for the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program
Resolution No. 72-2018

Date: May 18, 2018

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 72-2018, authorizing the Town Manager to apply for and administer a grant application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) through the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP) provides grant funds to the states to construct, renovate and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length. Grant funds are competitively dispersed to states. In Florida, the agency which is designated to manage this program is the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The BIGP Tier 2 grant program encourages applicants to provide more than minimum required match of 25 percent of total project costs. In-kind services, materials and other contributions may be used to satisfy this requirement. The maximum Federal award under the BIG Tier 2 is 75% of the total allowable project cost, up to \$1.5 million. An application for \$1,500,000 is being submitted, with a \$1,501,000 match from the Town for the construction phase of the Town of Palm Beach Town Docks.

The Master Plan for the Town Docks was adopted by the Town Council on May 8, 2018. This plan included three dock configuration concept alternatives. Town Council voted to support alternative 3. This configuration is being utilized as the basis for the further development of the design. Requests for Proposals (RFPS) are currently being solicited for marine and coastal environmental consultant services and professional engineering services.

It is a requirement of this grant that all projects being submitted for consideration provide an adopted resolution which approves the submission of an application by the governing board of

the sponsoring agency.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are contained within the Dock Replacement Fund to cover this portion of the project.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

The resolution has been approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

Attachments

c: John C. Randolph, Town Attorney
 Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
 H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
 Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance
 Mike Horn, Dockmaster