

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

Information for Town Council Meeting on: September 10, 2019

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Authorization for State Grant No. 20PB8  
Lake Worth Inlet Management Plan Implementation  
**Resolution No. 104-2019**

DATE: August 26, 2019

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 104-2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Agreement 20PB8 for State cost sharing participation in the amount of \$591,500 for reimbursement of continued Lake Worth Inlet Management Plan Implementation construction and monitoring tasks.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Each year the Town provides a Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) to the FDEP for projects that are eligible for State cost sharing. The LGFR includes specific project details that are each assigned scores. The scores are tallied and the projects are ranked in competition with other statewide requested projects. Florida Legislature determines the size of the annual appropriation that is assigned to projects on the ranked list. For the State's 2018/2019 fiscal year, the Mid-Town project ranked high enough to receive cost sharing (75%) for construction and (50%) for various monitoring tasks.

A reimbursement request in the amount of \$141,500 for the monitoring tasks can be made in December following billing received by the Town from our consultant in November. The work is currently being completed.

Cost-sharing in the amount of \$450,000 for construction of the Sand Forepassing Project cannot be made until the project has been completed. This project is contingent on the volume of sand placed on the beach through the inlet maintenance dredging project performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Should the volume be too small to perform the Sand Forepassing project this winter, the Town can construct this project following a future inlet maintenance dredging project. This grant can be utilized as long as construction is completed by March 2023.

## **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

State funds will reimburse the Town \$591,500 for eligible monitoring costs associated with the continued Lake Worth Inlet Management Plan Implementation. State reimbursement funds are to be placed in the Town's Coastal Fund to either fund future coastal projects, or offset future account transfers.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

This Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency. In addition, the Town's Attorney will review the FDEP contract and approve it for legal form and sufficiency prior to execution.

### **Attachments**

cc: Shore Protection Board  
Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance  
Dean Mealy, Purchasing Manager  
Patricia Strayer, P.E., Town Engineer  
Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager