



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 26, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution accepting the King’s Bay Gravity Sanitary Sewer System Grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s (FDEP) Coral Protection and Restoration Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with FDEP for said grant; directing the City Manager to develop the estimated local improvement assessments to be imposed on all benefitting properties to fund the project cost not covered by the grant; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 annual budget to recognize the grant as revenue and to appropriate the funds to put toward the cost of the project; and providing an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

King’s Bay is the last coastal community within Coral Gables that still utilizes septic systems despite having a sewer force main within a reasonable connection distance. It is well documented that septic systems on properties in close proximity to coastal waterways such as Biscayne Bay leach nutrients and contaminants into the waterway, thereby contributing to algae blooms and fish die-offs.

In order to defray the cost of converting the community from septic tanks to central sewer, the City has applied for and been awarded a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant in the amount of \$2,750,000 to help fund the construction of a new gravity sewer system, pump station, and force main that will allow for the conversion of approximately 150 septic systems to central sewer in a portion of the King’s Bay subdivision.

Pursuant to the terms of the Grant, the City is required to make a minimum local contribution of \$2,800,000 toward the project cost. However, staff has estimated the total project cost to be \$6,162,500, thereby making the local contribution \$3,412,500. In order to fund the contribution and in accordance with Article IV, Chapter 58 of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances, the City Commission is authorized to use special assessments to allocate the local contribution to those properties benefitting from the improvements.

In addition, the grant dictates an aggressive project completion date of 03/31/2024 that will require the City to immediately move forward with the design and construction of the project. The immediacy of the start date will require Commission approval to “front” the funds to be collected by the assessment until such time that the assessment is implemented.

A budget amendment is required to recognize the grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to put toward the Septic-to-Sewer project cost.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

| No. | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
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| 1. | \$ 2,750,000 | 410-9900-535-63-00 | FDEP Grant |

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| | \$ 3,412,500 | 410-9900-535-63-00 | Special Assessment |
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ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. Grant Agreement**