

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Recommendation to approve a work order with APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for 2025-2026 Local Government Funding Request under Contract No. 18-7432-CZ for time and material not to exceed \$27,010.00, authorize the Chairman to execute the work order, and make a finding that this item promotes tourism (Fund 195, Project No. 90065).**

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**OBJECTIVE:** To move forward with preparation of the 2025-2026 Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) for Collier County's shore protection projects.

**CONSIDERATIONS:** APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. will assist the County with Preparation of the 2025-2026 LGFR for Collier County's shore protection projects; South Marco Island and Collier County Beach Renourishment projects, and the County's inlet projects: Wiggins Pass and Doctors Pass. APTIM will evaluate all the elements of the coastal projects as they apply to the Florida Admin. Code and the LGFR application and guidance documents will be evaluated in order to increase Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) ranking and cost-sharing opportunities where applicable. Additionally, APTIM will update the application response to account for the modification of the LGFR based on the latest rating guidelines, rules, and current project cost information. Once APTIM has completed a draft of the LGFR application, they will provide it to Collier County for review and comment prior to submittal to FDEP.

FDEP will review the application and may request additional information (RAI). APTIM will respond to FDEP's RAI and provide additional information to the FDEP on behalf of Collier County as needed. FDEP then reviews the applications in detail and provides initial project rankings and initial project assessments. Collier County will then have the opportunity to respond to the initial project assessment. APTIM will then perform a review of the initial project assessment on behalf of Collier County and, if warranted, provide the County with a draft letter to the FDEP identifying the area within the application that may provide additional points to the County. The County will issue a Work Order under Contract No. 18-7432-CZ, which was approved by the BCC on March 10, 2020, item 16.E.4.

This item is consistent with the Quality of Place Objectives of the County's Strategic Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for the proposed work order, in the amount of \$27,010.00, is available in the Tourist Development Tax Fund (195), Project No. 90065, FDEP LGFR Analysis. The source of funding is Tourist Development Tax. Funding for this work order will not be requested for reimbursement from any grantor agency.

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPACT:** This item is consistent with the Conservation and Coastal Management Element of the County's Growth Management Plan.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:** This item will be presented to the Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) on January 11, 2024 and the Tourist Development Council (TDC) on January 16, 2024.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve a work order with APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc.; to provide professional engineering services for 2025-2026 Local Government Funding Request under Contract No. 18-7432-CZ for time and material not to exceed \$27,010.00, authorize the Chairman to

execute the work order, and make a finding that this item promotes tourism (Fund 195, Project No. 90065).

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