

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve a Resolution supporting the County's applications to Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Long Range Budget Plan Requests for Beach Renourishment Projects for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and make a finding that these projects promote tourism. This action maintains the County's eligibility for State Cost Share Funding for future renourishment projects.

OBJECTIVE: To approve a Resolution supporting the County's applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for Long Range budget Plan Requests for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

CONSIDERATIONS: On July 9, 2024, Coastal Zone Management (CZM) requested Board approval of three FDEP Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) applications (Item 16.B.12.) and the applications were submitted by APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., to FDEP on July 17, 2024. These requests, if approved by FDEP, will augment existing tourist development taxes already budgeted by providing partial funding for Collier County projects as listed below:

1. Collier County Beach Nourishment
 - a. FY 2023/2024 Construction FEMA Berm Project
 - b. FY 2024/2025 Design Hurricane Ian Post Storm Restoration Design Ph 2.
 - c. FY 2024/2025 Park Shore Renourishment
 - d. FY 2025/2026 Monitoring Physical, Biological, Shorebirds, Turtles, Tilling
 - e. FY 2025/2026 Doctors Pass Construction Dredging and San Bypass, Design Survey & Investigation, Rock Removal Channel Re-Alignment, Sub-Survey Investigation Design and Permitting.
2. Marco Island Nourishment
 - a. FY 2025/2026 Environmental Monitoring, Physical Monitoring, Turtle Monitoring and Tilling.
3. Wiggins Pass Dredging
 - a. FY 2025/2026 Environmental Monitoring, Physical Monitoring and Tilling
 - b. FY 2025/2026 Monitoring Full

The State requires Board approval of this Resolution as a condition of the County submitting its request for long range State funding to renourish Collier County beaches and Inlet Monitoring.

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

FISCAL IMPACT: The Local Government Funding Requests are prepared yearly for anticipated state cost share funding reimbursement. The requests are estimates based on project scope, funding availability, ranking and other state and federal funding. Projections for future years are also included in the requests for informational purposes. FDEP determines the final cost share ratio at the time of award and generally will cost share up to 50% for beach projects and up to 75% for inlet projects of the non-Federal project cost.

The total FY 2025-2026 estimated total costs (\$4,397,500) include:

BEACH	STATE SHARE	LOCAL SHARE	FUNDING REQUEST
South Marco Island	\$100,300	\$272,200	\$372,500
Collier County Beaches	\$934,500	\$1,270,500	\$2,205,000
Wiggins Pass Inlet	\$910,000	\$910,000	\$1,820,000
Total Request	\$1,944,800	\$2,452,700	\$4,397,500

Tourist Development Tax funds are currently available within Beach Renourishment Fund 1105 to accomplish this work. State approval may lead to future state cost share participation on these projects through FDEP grant agreement and contract.

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS: This item is approved as to form and legality and requires majority vote for approval. – CMG

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: The Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) Work Order request was approved by the Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) on January 11, 2024 (8-0 vote) and the Tourist Development Council (TDC) on February 20, 2024 (7-0 vote). The resolution was presented and approved by the Tourist Development Committee (TDC) on September 17, 2024 (7-0), and will be presented to the Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) on September 19, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve a Resolution supporting the County’s applications to the FDEP for Long Range Budget Plan Requests for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and make a finding that these projects promote tourism. This action maintains the County's eligibility for State Cost Share Funding for future renourishment projects.

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