

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 45

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FUNDING REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR \$1,614,517.75 FOR COUNTY BEACH NOURISHMENT OF PASS-A-GRILLE IN SUMMER 2024.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the “Corps”), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and Pinellas County (the “County”) have historically cost-shared in the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, which consists of three segments intermittently nourished by the Corps: Sand Key, Treasure Island, and Long Key;

WHEREAS, the Long Key Segment consists of two parts: Upham and Pass-a-Grille;

WHEREAS, Pass-a-Grille is nourished approximately every ten years; it was first nourished in 1985, last nourished in 2014, and was scheduled for nourishment (by the Corps) in 2024;

WHEREAS, in addition to performing nourishments of Pass-a-Grille, the Corps has traditionally cost-shared ~65% of each Pass-a-Grille nourishment, with the State and County splitting the ~35% remainder;

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing dispute between the Corps and the County regarding perpetual storm damage reduction easements, the Corps is currently refusing to perform or cost-share any segment of the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, including Pass-a-Grille;

WHEREAS, the County has accordingly decided to nourish Pass-a-Grille on its own, with construction scheduled for Summer 2024 (the “2024 Pass-a-Grille Project”);

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the Corps’ lack of participation, FDEP graciously remains willing to split the County’s costs for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project;

WHEREAS, the County’s costs for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project are projected to be ~\$5M; consequently, FDEP has tentatively agreed to reimburse the County ~\$2.5M;

WHEREAS, FDEP has already awarded the County \$940,500.00 of this ~\$2.5M amount via FDEP Grant 21PI1, leaving the remaining FDEP share at \$1,614,517.75 (and the total County share at \$2,509,475);

WHEREAS, to access this \$1,614,517.75, the County must submit the attached Local Government Funding Request for the FDEP FY 2025-2026 Beach Management Funding Assistance Program;

WHEREAS, together with this attachment, FDEP requires that the County provide a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners that: a) declares the Board’s support for the 2024 Pass-a-

Grille Project; b) declares the Board's willingness to serve as the local sponsor for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project; c) declares the Board's ability to provide the full local cost share for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project; and d) identifies the Board's source of funding for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project;

WHEREAS, the Board supports the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project;

WHEREAS, the Board is willing to serve as the local sponsor for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project (indeed, the County isn't just funding the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project, but performing it as well); and

WHEREAS, the Board annually collects and allocates approximately \$9M in Tourist Development Tax funds for beach nourishment projects, at least \$2,509,475 of which is available to fund the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The recitals above are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The attached FDEP FY 2025-2026 Local Government Funding Request for \$1,614,517.75 for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Nourishment Project is approved.

Section 3. The County Administrator or his designee is authorized to electronically submit said attachment and any other documentation required by FDEP to secure FDEP funding for the 2024 Pass-a-Grille Nourishment Project.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 30th day of July, 2024, Commissioner Justice offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Peters, Scott, Eggers, Flowers, Justice, Latvala, and Long.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Brendan Mackesey
Office of the County Attorney



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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Sponsor

Federal ID Number (FEID)

Primary Contact Name

Title

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

City

Zip Code

Telephone Number

Email Address

Additional Contact Information

PART II: CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all information provided with this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Local Sponsor

[Handwritten Signature]

Electronic or scanned signatures accepted.



ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By:

[Handwritten Signature]

Printed Name

Date

7/30/2024

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PART III: EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Project Name: (as listed in the Strategic Beach Management Plan)

2. Project Description: Include county, location with reference to DEP range monuments, brief project history, and description of proposed activities.



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3. Use of Requested Program Funds: Provide a brief description of tasks to be completed in each requested phase (Feasibility, Design, Construction, Monitoring, or USACE Multiphase). Indicate which tasks are cost reimbursement from previous fiscal years.

4. Map: Provide as an attachment. The map(s) of the project area must be formatted at a minimum of 1" = 200' scale and include a compass rose and legend.

Map elements must include:

1. **Project boundary:** DEP reference monuments and shoreline designated as critically eroded
2. **Eligibility:** Indicate lengths of eligible shoreline based on criteria outlined in Chapter 62B-36.007, F.A.C.
 - a. Beach access locations: indicate primary or secondary access, and include the shoreline length, number and location of auto parking spaces, mass transit stops, bike parking spaces, and public restroom facilities within 1/4 mile walking distance of each access
 - b. Public lodging establishments: include the length fronting the project shoreline, and include the length of street-side frontage for lodging within 1/4 mile walking distance of a secondary beach access location
3. **Recreational benefits:** Comprehensive list of current land use designations of properties fronting the project shoreline
4. **Value of upland property:** Include one-quarter mile buffer and provide a comprehensive list of the values of properties (data from year 2023) that are enclosed or intersected by the buffer. The 2023 property value tax roll data and ArcGIS shapefiles can be obtained from the Department of Revenue website: https://floridarevenue.com/property/Pages/DataPortal_RequestAssessmentRollGISData.aspx. See Guidance Document for more information.

5. Project length: Total restored project length (in feet) of the critically eroded area (as listed in the Strategic Beach Management Plan).



- **Location/Access Name:** Use the official name of the park or road that is associated with the public access.
- **DEP Reference Monument:** Use the DEP monument that is closest to the main public access location.
- **Type of Access:** Indicate Primary or Secondary beach access in accordance with the definitions in Chapter 62B-36, F.A.C.
- **Width of Access/Frontage:** The length of the legal boundary (in feet) of the public access or lodging along the beach project shoreline. For public lodging establishments that do not front the beach, indicate the street-side length of the legal property boundary (in feet) that is used as the main access to the establishment.
- **Number of Eligible Units:** A unit is defined as one automobile parking space, one rental unit in a public lodging establishment, one mass transit stop, or four bicycle parking spots.
- **Additional Width from Eligible Units:** Total distance (feet) added to the Width of Access/Frontage. If there are multiple types of eligibility units used for this calculation, show the calculation separately for each.
- **Total Eligible Shoreline:** Sum of the Width of Access/Frontage and Additional Width from Eligible Units columns. Eligible shorelines cannot overlap.
- **Website Link for DBPR License:** Provide the link to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) website for proof of licensure for any public lodging establishments used for eligibility or the Recreational Benefits ranking criteria.

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7. Schedule and Budget: Provide as a separate attachment, if needed. Clearly indicate project phase: Feasibility (F), Design (D), Construction (C), Monitoring (M), or USACE Multiphase (USACE). Include the year of post-construction monitoring in the description.

• **Cost Reimbursement:** Specify eligible costs incurred during the three years prior to the current application's fiscal year that are not in a current DEP agreement and have not been reimbursed (this includes fiscal years 22/23, 23/24, and 24/25). Eligible costs will be added to the current funding request.

• **Current and Future Costs:** Specify eligible costs for the current application's fiscal year that are not in a current DEP agreement and have not been reimbursed as well as the estimated costs for the next 4 years. Note: If Construction costs are requested in the current fiscal year, then the Year 1 Post-Construction Monitoring costs will be added to the current funding request.

Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Description	Federal Cost	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Cost
22/23						
22/23						
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23/24						
23/24						
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Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Description	Federal Cost	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Cost
27/28						
27/28						
27/28						
28/29						
28/29						
28/29						
29/30						
29/30						
29/30						

8. Tourism-related impacts: Criteria is calculated by the Department using 2023 data. For reference, tax data can be obtained from the Department of Revenue website: <https://floridarevenue.com/DataPortal/Pages/TaxResearch.aspx> See Guidance Document for more information.

- ☐ Current funding request includes construction and year one post-construction monitoring
- ☐ Project is managed by two or more counties

Additional comments

9. Federal involvement: The documentation to verify authorization, federal cost share percentage, and status of funding award must be provided with the application materials for the award of points.

Is the project Federally authorized by the USACE?

Authorization Year:

Expiration Year:

Does this project have a signed USACE Chief's report or Civil Works Congressional authorization for the requested phase?

USACE federal cost share percentage for this project (excluding FCCE):



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Select all that apply for the requested project phase(s) and include documentation with application materials.

- ☐ Executed USACE project agreement
- ☐ Included in USACE work plan
- ☐ Approved FEMA Project Worksheet
- ☐ Included in Congressional Appropriations Act
- ☐ Other documentation:

10. Storm damage reduction benefits: Criteria is calculated by the Department.

What is the volume (cy) of advanced nourishment lost since the last sand placement event of a beach restoration or nourishment project as measured above the Mean High Water contour? Data should be consistent with the annual post-construction monitoring reports.

For restoration projects, what is the historical erosion rate?

11. Cost effectiveness: Criteria is calculated by the Department. A project design analysis and supporting documentation must be provided with the application materials for the award of points. See Guidance Document for more information.

What is the proposed sand placement volume (cy)?

What is the nourishment interval (years)?

Select all that apply for the current project funding request:

- ☐ Enhanced longevity: Propose structural or design components that could extend the beach nourishment interval
- ☐ Dune addition: Incorporate new or enhanced dune structures or new or existing dune restoration and revegetation projects
- ☐ Innovative technology: Propose innovative technologies designed to reduce project costs
- ☐ Regionalization: Two or more local sponsors manage projects together or projects propose regional sediment management strategies to conserve sand resources or reduce project costs

Additional comments
for storm damage
reduction benefits and
cost effectiveness



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12. Previous state commitment

Has the Department previously reviewed, approved, and cost-shared on a feasibility or design phase for this project?

Has the current proposed project phase(s) received a partial state appropriation within 3 years of phase completion?

Additional comments

13. Accessible beach area: Criteria is calculated by the Department. Provide additional information for consideration.

Describe the landward and seaward edge of the accessible beach width

Provide the project boundaries (R-monuments)

Provide citations of reference sources

14. Recreational benefits: Provide the percentage of linear footage within the project boundaries which is zoned recreational or open space; for commercial use; or to allow for public lodging establishment, or the equivalent. Provide additional documentation and DBPR website link in a separate attachment, if needed.

15. Mitigation of inlet effects: Criteria is calculated by the Department.

Additional comments

16. Successive unfunded requests

Is the current proposed project phase(s) a successive, unfunded request? If so, how many years of successive request(s) is the current application?

Does the successive request add the construction phase?



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17. Environmental habitat enhancement: Criteria is calculated by the Department. See Guidance Document for more information.

Is the project within a designated critical habitat area for threatened or endangered species that is subject to extensive shoreline armoring?

Is the project within a non-designated area where extensive shoreline armoring threatens the habitat of threatened or endangered species?

If yes to either of the above, does the project exceed best management practices to incorporate turtle-friendly designs and management strategies to protect resources or benefit critical habitat preservation?

Provide an explanation and supporting documentation for the strategies which exceed best management practices

18. Readiness to construct

Does the project have an active state permit?

Does the project have an active federal permit?

Permit number

Permit number

Authorization date

Authorization date

Expiration date

Expiration date

Have all necessary easements been acquired for the upcoming or proposed construction phase?

Has the necessary local funding been secured for the proposed project? If so, provide a copy of the draft Resolution. The signed Resolution is due by September 23, 2024.

Is an Erosion Control Line established along the project length?

Additional comments for readiness to construct



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Provide additional information and comments below or attach supporting documents.