
MEMORANDUM

TO: JOSEPH LO BELLO, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: ANDREA DOBBINS, PROJECT COORDINATOR/RISK MANAGER 
SUBJECT: FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DATE: 08/02/2016

BACKGROUND

Staff has been looking for grant opportunities that would benefit the Town and take advantage of state funds that are available through the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP). Grant applications are being accepted by the state for FY2017/18. FRDAP grants are funded 100% and do not require the receiving party to match any funds as long as the amount does not exceed \$50,000. Staff would like to submit one grant application to the state for review.

DISCUSSION

The Town has eight (8) beach access points, also known as dune walk overs, with seven (7) of those locations having an actual structure. Due to the proximity of these structures to the ocean and the constant exposure, maintenance is an on-going process. Some of these structures have already been renovated utilizing funds the Town has received from the state and this grant program. Although there are four (4) dune walk overs that have been identified for renovation, two of them need prompt attention. These structures are located at 530 Ocean Drive (Beachfront Condominium) and 570 Ocean Drive (Oceanfront Condominium)

The dune walk over structure at each of these locations is deteriorating. The recommendation for these two structures is to replace the decking, hand rails, and seating. The substructure is not easily accessible and we anticipate it to be in need of repair as well but further examination will be required to accurately make this determination. Staff would like to apply for a \$50,000 FRDAP grant to replace the deteriorated features of these two (2) dune walk-over structures.

The Town has used RMPK for many of the grants we have been awarded in the past. They are a local company that specializes in obtaining alternative funding for communities. Due to their vast knowledge and experience in grant writing they have secured over \$65 million in funding for communities just like Juno Beach.

Because RMPK is so familiar with the parameters and requirements of the FRDAP, they are a tremendous asset and tool for the Town to make use of. This is a very competitive grant with many communities applying for these funds. Utilizing the services provided by RMPK would



many communities applying for these funds. Utilizing the services provided by RMPK would give us an excellent advantage to secure the funds for the Town. The cost for RMPK's services is \$2,000 and is fully reimbursable if we are awarded the grant.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the Council determine that solicitation of additional consulting service quotes are not practical or advantageous and authorizes RMPK Funding to move forward with the application process and all costs involved, not to exceed \$2,000 from contingency, for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant. and authorize the Town Manager to execute all grant documents.