



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Juliet Misconi, Deputy City Manager

DATE: January 18, 2024

RE: Consideration of a grant agreement with the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners for improvements to Sacrifice Park (\$250,000).

SUMMARY:

On August 17, 2023, City Council authorized staff to submit a request for \$100,000 to Brevard County's Tourism Development Council (TDC) Capital Facilities Grant Program. During the application process, the City revised their request to \$250,000. Through meetings with the TDC Capital Facilities Grant Committee, Tourism Development Council, and two Brevard County Board of County Commissioners meetings, the City was successfully awarded \$250,000. Attached is the grant agreement for Council's consideration.

The grant agreement provides for the renovation and construction of a new memorial located at the existing site. The renovation and construction consist of removing the existing monument and sidewalk leading up to and around the memorial, site preparation, and installing hardscape/landscape, site amenities, site lighting, and associated peripherals. The renovation and construction of a new monument will focus on honoring first responders who have perished in the line of duty and provide a serene place for community members to visit and reflect. These purchases will support the City's initiative to improve its monument, honor first responders and their families, and provide a reflection space for the community. Since August, the City has modified the design in progress to include pivoting the monument 90 degrees to the east and demolition of the existing pavilions on site to maximize greenspace. The City is also adding an amphitheater or event pavilion on the west side of the park to allow large events to be hosted at the site.

This is a cost reimbursement agreement. Total payments for all deliverables will not exceed the maximum grant award amount of \$250,000.00. The improvements must be completed within six years from the date of award; design is in process and the City intends to break ground this year. This grant is in addition to the \$150,000 in state appropriations, administered through a grant agreement with Florida Department of Law Enforcement (approved by Council 9/19/2023) and the private donations raised during the 2022 and 2023 Mayor's Ball (approximately \$100,000).

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

City Manager's Office

Police

Facilities & Parks

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a cost reimbursement agreement. Brevard County will reimburse the City for allowable expenditures which are incurred during each reporting period in according to the terms and conditions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement with Brevard County for the improvements to Sacrifice Park in the amount of \$250,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grant Agreement with Brevard County