



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Valentino Perez, Public Works Director

DATE: September 5, 2024

RE: Consideration of submitting an application for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's State Water-Quality Assistance Grant (SWAG) for the Driskell Heights project.

SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting authorization to apply for grant funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the next phase of the Driskell Heights project. This phase of the project will include the expansion of the existing stormwater pond off Liberia Avenue. A filtration media will be installed along with widening of the pond. The State Water-quality Assistance Grant was due on July 31, 2024; however, grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

This project will improve the quality of the stormwater exiting the pond and eventually entering Turkey Creek by removal of sediment, debris and associated pollutants. In addition, the widening of the pond should improve flooding conditions.

The Driskell Heights Phase 2 project is currently being updated to separate the existing project into two phases for the grant funding request and to breakdown the cost for each phase. The total project cost is estimated not to exceed \$700,000. This grant does not require a local fund match; however, the grant proposal will receive credits in the evaluation process for a local match commitment. The matching fund is estimated at \$140,000, 20% of the total project cost. Matching funds are available in stormwater undesignated fund balance.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Public Works

FISCAL IMPACT:

If this grant is awarded, funds in the amount of \$140,000 will be transferred from 461-0000-392-3006 undesignated fund balance to 461-7083-538-6502/23SU07.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to 1) approve submission of an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, State Water-quality Assistance Grant for the next phase of the Driskell Height project; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement, if awarded.

ATTACHMENT: