



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Scott Morgan, Interim City Manager

THRU: Christeen Sullivan, Acting Public Works Director

DATE: February 20, 2025

RE: Consideration of accepting a grant award and entering into a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Palm Bay Indian River Lagoon (PBIRL) Baffle Boxes Project.

SUMMARY:

As authorized by City Council at the October 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, City Council authorized staff to seek State appropriations in the amount of \$1.5 million during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 legislative session for the installation of six (6) nutrient-separating baffle boxes at key locations along Turkey Creek. Council also authorized a local match of \$500,000 from Stormwater Utility Fund Undesignated Fund Balance. The City was successful in receiving an allocation of \$750,000 in State appropriations for FY 2024-2025 under the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Water Quality Restoration Program for the Palm Bay Indian River Lagoon Baffle Boxes Project (HF2617/SF2037). The appropriations will fund the removal and replacement of existing stormwater infrastructure and install between four to six new nutrient-separating baffle boxes at Riverview Drive, Kirkland Road, Bay Boulevard, Castaway Point, Worth Court, or Florin Road in Palm Bay, Florida. The City has received the FDEP standard grant agreement, Palm Bay Indian River Lagoon Baffle Boxes Project, agreement L0090. The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney Office.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Public Works

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a cost reimbursement grant program. Funding is available in Stormwater Utility Fund/Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$500,000. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will reimburse the City for allowable expenditures based on the terms and conditions in the agreement in the amount of \$750,000. Upon Council approval, a new project

request form will be submitted to the Finance Department for project 25SU10 PBIRL Baffle Boxes Project and a budget amendment will be requested moving funds in the amount of \$750,000 from the Community Investment Fund Stormwater Management/Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection and moving funds in the amount of \$500,000 from Stormwater Utility Fund/ Undesignated Fund Balance to Project 25SU10.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to 1) accept a grant award of \$750,000 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement; and 3) approve opening project number 25SU10 PBIRL Baffle Boxes Project and appropriating the \$500,000 match as authorized at the October 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

1. FDEP Standard Grant Agreement L0090