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DATE: April 5, 2021

ISSUE: FY2022 ACAMP Grant Program Application – 6th Street Beach Access Improvements

RECOMMENDATIONS: Authorize staff to pursue ACAMP Grant funding from ADCNR for construction of public access improvements at the 6th Street Beach Access. The grant requires a 1 to 1 match with a maximum grant award of \$50,000 which would require a minimum match of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND: The City's public beach access at 6th Street has been a favorite of locals and visitors since its construction in 2003. The wooden ramp, boardwalk, and steps are now in need of replacement after nearly 20 years in the harsh beachfront environment. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is now accepting proposals for the FY2022 Alabama Coastal Area Management Program (ACAMP) funding for projects that improve public access to coastal resources.

Staff proposes to apply for funding through ACAMP to replace the wooden structures at the site, to add an ADA parking stall, add ADA beach access mats, and to replace the aging beach shower as well. The total cost for these improvements is estimated to be \$159,000. Staff seeks authorization to apply for \$50,000 in ACAMP funding that will be used to offset this cost.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: ACAMP Grants - 10th Street Access Improvements 2014, 12th Street Access Improvements 2015, Little Lagoon Pass Park Fishing Pier Project 2017, Little Lagoon Pass Park Improvements 2019.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: If selected, grant funds will be available October 1, 2021, for a period not to exceed 12 months. Construction Costs of \$159,000 for the total project have been budgeted for this year.

RELATED ISSUES: None

ATTACHMENTS:

- Conceptual Site Plan, Estimated Budget

DEPARTMENTS: Executive

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