

**CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

MEETING DATE: 3/15/2017

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing an Application for a South Florida Transit Oriented Development (SFTOD) Grant

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Issue Statement: The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) are implementing the South Florida Transit Oriented Development (SFTOD) Pilot Program with funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a grant program. Grant funding will enable the City to fund planning activities for a potential commuter rail station in the downtown.

Recommended Action: The City Commission authorize the City Manager to submit an application for funding up to the maximum of \$204,000, and commit to

contributing 20% matching funds (maximum of \$40,800) should the grant be awarded to the City.

The goal of the FTA TOD Planning Pilot Program is to leverage fund dollars for planning activities along future transit corridors. The maximum amount to be awarded to any one applicant would be \$204,000, with matching funds of 20% required from the recipients.

2. CURRENT ACTIVITY

This SFTOD Grant Program will fund planning activities around potential station areas that have been identified on that portion of the Tri-Rail Coastal Link corridor located on the FEC rail corridor (which includes a potential Oakland Park location). The City of Oakland Park is eligible for one of these grants.

Eligible Tri-Rail Coastal Link station area projects include:

1. Station Area Master Plans;
2. Local Land Development Regulations and Zoning Codes.

As Planning activities in either category for the City's proposed station could better position the City to compete for a coveted station in the City, staff recommends that the City Commission authorize the City Manager to submit an application for funding up to the maximum of \$204,000, and commit to contributing 20% matching funds (maximum of \$40,800) should the grant be awarded to the City. Sufficient funds exist in the Planning and Zoning Division's Professional Services budget to provide matching funds as needed. Determination of the amount will be made in late April.

It is important to note that the grant application was submitted on its due date of March 10, 2017, with a letter stating that the application will be withdrawn if approval from the City Commission is not obtained.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

A maximum financial commitment from the City for \$40,800 if the City is awarded a maximum grant of \$204,000. Sufficient funds exist in the Planning and Zoning Division's Professional Services budget to provide matching funds as needed. Determination of the amount will be made in late April.

4. RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit an SFTOD Grant application for transit oriented planning activities with a 20% matching funds commitment from the City.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution](#)

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