



# City of Galveston

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAFF REPORT

**Date** October 20, 2021

**To:** Brian Maxwell, City Manager  
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** Michele Hay, Economic Development Coordinator

**Project location:** 8 Mile Rd–13 Mile Rd Beach    **Project:** CEPR 12 Application – Engineering & Design, Emergency Beach Remediation

### Request:

Consider for approval of an Economic Development Agreement between the Industrial Development Corporation and the City of Galveston for Local Match of a CEPR 12 Grant Application Amending the Galveston Park Board's current CEPR 11 Grant Application for the Engineering and Design Project to increase the boundaries of the project area to include the 8 Mile Road to 13 Mile Road Area. submitted by the Park Board for Engineering & Design to Sustain an Eroding Beach on West Galveston Island through the Extension of the 8-Mile Road Project to 13-Mile Road.

The amended application would extend the boundaries of the Project to include the beach area from 8 Mile Road to 13 Mile Road.

Included in this request is an allocation of \$200,000 from the Beach Silo to be used as Local Match for the CEPR 12 Grant Application.

### Prior Action

In October 2020, The Industrial Development Corporation and the City Council approved an agreement and funding for the Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees for the CEPR 11 Grant for Engineering & Design Project to create specifications for a large-scale beach nourishment project in the 8 Mile Road area. Funding in the amount of \$240,000 was approved to assist the Park Board with the Local Match for the CEPR 11 Grant Application.

The Industrial Development Corporation approved the Resolution and Economic Development Agreement during the August 17, 2021 board meeting. A Public Hearing was held during the September 28, 2021 IDC board meeting in which there were no comments.

### Background

During the active 2020 storm season, Hurricanes Laura and Delta and Tropical Storm Beta caused extensive erosion to all of the west end beaches. An emergency situation has been created from the substantial damage to properties and infrastructure in the area of 8 Mile to 13 Mile Roads, especially to





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The Riviera Condominium, Kahala Estates, Spanish Grant and Pirates Beach. Due to this emergent need, the General Land Office recommended the fastest route to obtain funding would be to submit a CEPRA 12 Application to amend the current CEPRA 11 grant.

The Park Board received an engineering and design project grant award in Cycle 11 supporting a future beach nourishment construction project for the 8-Mile Road area on west Galveston Island as identified in the Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan (#R1-22). It is anticipated the Cycle 11 award would provide shoreline stabilization and with a feeder beach created to passively nourish the shoreline from the western edge of Dellanera RV Park and extending to the 8 Mile Road area through natural transport.

This proposed Cycle 12 project is seeking to build upon the Cycle 11 award and extend the engineering and design footprint ~4.83 miles west from 8-Mile Road to the eastern boundary of the Galveston Island State Park. This extension is a prudent action due to the record setting 2020 hurricane season and the number of beachfront subdivisions that will benefit from this project. Vitrally important, and resilient beach nourishment projects cannot occur without first having been formulated using the most recent information based on the best available science. This Cycle 12 application makes future beach nourishment projects possible. Additionally, updating the engineering and design documents for this reach of beachfront that upon completion instantly makes these beach nourishment projects shovel ready.

### Fiscal Impact Report:

Engineering & Design Documents	\$ 500,000
GLO Match (60%)	\$ (300,000)
Total Local Match Requested (40%)	\$ 200,000

### Total Cost for this Request:

\$200,000 estimated cost for Local Match (40%) for Engineering & Design Documents

### Funding Source

4B IDC Funds – Beach Silo

### Staff Recommendation

Staff's recommendation is to approve the Park Board's request for the local match of a CEPRA 12 Grant Application Amending their Current CEPRA 11 Grant Application for the Engineering and Design Project to increase the boundaries of the project area to include the 8 Mile Road to 13 Mile Road Area.

### Attachments:

Application: IDC APP Extension to 13 Mile Rd Combined Docs KDS EXE P

Summary: 2021-06-24 IDC GPB Summary Table-2 Apps

