



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: Galveston Beaches along Seawall; Beaches from end of Seawall to western tip of Galveston Island at San Luis Pass
Project: CEPRA 12 Application – Amend and Update Park Board’s Federal Beach and Dune Restoration Permits

Request:

Consider for approval of an Economic Development Agreement between the Industrial Development Corporation and the City of Galveston for Local Match of a CEPRA 12 Grant Amendment updating the Park Board’s Federal Beach and Dune Restoration Permits in the amount of \$75,000.

Prior Action

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

The Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston (Park Board) owns two (2) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permits (USACE); one permit (#SWG-2000-02888) authorizes activities along the seawall and the second permit (#SWG-2007-01025) authorizes activities from the western terminus of the Galveston seawall to the western tip of Galveston Island at San Luis Pass excluding the City of Jamaica Beach and the Galveston Island State Park. Both permits have been utilized by the General Land Office, the Park Board and the City of Galveston to successfully implement nationally recognized beach and dune restoration projects.

This proposed project is seeking to amend and extend the lifespan of both permits for an additional five (5) year period beyond their mutual expiration date of December 31, 2024.





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Without these two permits in place beach and dune restoration activities along the seawall and westward to the western end of the island are not possible. This request may see untimely, but with the amendment process for individual USACE permits requiring a minimum of 18-24 months there simply isn't time to amend both permits in the next CEpra application period (Cycle 13) that opens in 2023 ahead of their December 31, 2024 expiration date.

This Application supports the City of Galveston's Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Dune and Protection Plan, Beach Access Plan and Erosion Response Plan.

Fiscal Impact Report:

Updating Park Board's Federal Dune and Beach Restoration Permits	\$ 300,000.00
GLO Match (75%)	\$ (225,000.00)
Total Request for Local Match (25% of Total Cost)	\$ 75,000.00

Total Cost for this Request:

\$75,000 for Local Match of Design & Engineering Documents

Funding Source

4B IDC Funds – Beach Silo

Staff Recommendation

Staff's recommendation is to approve the Economic Development Agreement between the Industrial Development Corporation and the City of Galveston for Local Match for the CEpra 12 Grant Amendment updating the Park Board's Federal Beach and Dune Restoration Permits.

Attachments

Application: 2021-06-28 IDC APP USACE Permits Amendment Combined Docs KDS EXE P

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

