



City of Galveston

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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To: City Manager
Mayor and City Council Members

From: Kyle Clark
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Project location: West end of Galveston Island (Sunbather Lane west 1.7-miles)

Project: Acceptance of additional grant funds from Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the beneficial use of maintenance dredge material as an option to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Houston Ship Channel maintenance dredging.

Request:

Consider for approval a resolution of the City of Galveston (COG) authorizing acceptance of additional grant funds from GLO in the amount of \$5,586,852.00. This grant is for COG's cost share for the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District (USACE) for beneficial use of maintenance dredge material, associated with a 1.7-mile-long beach nourishment project; authorizing the City Manager to execute all required documents upon the review and approval of the City Attorney.

Prior Council Action

City Council approved the PPA with USACE at the June 27, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Background

The COG signed a PPA with USACE that would beneficially utilize maintenance dredge material for a beach nourishment project on the west end of Galveston Island. The project location begins at Sunbather Lane and proceeds 1.7 miles to the west.

The beach nourishment project is authorized under Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, or otherwise known as Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) 204.





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Under the CAP 204 program, USACE is authorized to implement projects to reduce storm damage to property that is in connection with dredging for the construction or operations and maintenance of an existing authorized Federal navigation project. There is a ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) federal project limit for USACE.

The COG received a previous seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) GLO Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act (CEPRA) grant to cover design and implementation costs over the USACE authorized funds.

An additional \$5,586,852.00 is being requested, as additional fees, after the maintenance dredging contract bid was evaluated by USACE. The additional funds have been approved by GLO's Commissioner.

Fiscal Impact Report

There is no charge for accepting the additional GLO grant funds.

Alternatives in order of Priority

- A. Approve the resolution authorizing the City of Galveston to accept additional grant funds from Texas General Land Office (GLO) a beneficial use of maintenance dredge material project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), on a 1.7-mile-long beach nourishment project and authorizing the City Manager to sign all required documents upon review and approval of the City Attorney.
- B. Do not approve the resolution authorizing the City of Galveston to accept additional grant funds from Texas General Land Office (GLO) a beneficial use of maintenance dredge material project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), on a 1.7-mile-long beach nourishment project and authorizing the City Manager to sign all required documents upon review and approval of the City Attorney.

Recommendation

- C. Approve the resolution authorizing the City of Galveston to accept additional grant funds from Texas General Land Office (GLO) a beneficial use of maintenance dredge material project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), on a 1.7-mile-long beach nourishment project and authorizing the City Manager to sign all required documents upon review and approval of the City Attorney.

