



Office of the Town Manager

Rafael G. Casals, ICMA-CM, CFM
Town Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council

From: Rafael G. Casals, ICMA-CM, CFM, Town Manager

Date: October 14, 2020

Re: Accepting National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant Award and Agreement

REQUEST

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD FOR THE CUTLER BAY WETLAND HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT; APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION AND THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Funding Source: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Project Title: Cutler Bay Wetland Habitat Restoration
Amount Awarded: \$20,000.00 **Match Required:** \$20,000 (cash/in-kind)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's ("NFWF") Five-Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support (www.nfwf.org).

On January 30, 2020, the Town of Cutler Bay (the "Town") submitted a grant application requesting funding for the Cutler Bay Wetland Habitat Restoration Project (the "Project"). The Project seeks to further the Town's conservation efforts by creating an environmental learning lab alongside the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands near SW 184 Street and Old Cutler Road.

The Town will engage forty (40) volunteers to improve and enhance the 2-acre upland area with native trees, plants and shrubs in addition to establishing a walking path with





educational signage promoting the conservation of the adjoining wetlands, pine rock lands and the sensitive ecology of Biscayne Bay.

The required matching funds will include \$10,000 representing the in-kind value of volunteers, staff time, and marketing. Additionally, \$10,000 cash-match will come from the Public Works Department's Fiscal Year 2020-21 adopted budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Town Staff recommends that the attached Resolution be adopted, accepting the \$20,000.00 grant from the NFWF, approving the subsequent agreement, and authorizing the Town Manger to execute the agreement.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Attachment "A" – Cutler Bay Wetland Restoration Project Location

