

BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 141-2021

TO: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 

DATE: October 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Status Update on FIND Grant Application for Police Marine Vessel Engines

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to provide you a status update on the FIND grant application for the replacement of the Bal Harbour Police Department marine vessel engines.

As you may recall, at the March 16, 2021 Council Meeting, the Bal Harbour Police Department requested approval to apply for grant opportunities through the Florida Inland Navigation District's Waterways Assistance Program in order to help defer the costs associated with the replacement of the marine vessel engines. Upon approval, BHPD submitted the application by the March 29, 2021 deadline for a \$30,000 grant award, which also requires a 50% matching funds in the amount of \$30,000, which will be funded through police vehicle maintenance fund.

On June 18, 2021, Captain Escarra traveled to Cocoa Beach, Florida to present the Village's grant application at the FIND Commission Meeting. I am happy to report that out of the original 51 applications received by the FIND Commission in March, 42 projects were awarded funding through FIND's Assistance Program, including the Bal Harbour Police Department.

The acceptance of the grant funds, as well as the appropriation of the funds for expenditure, will be included on the October 19, 2021 Council Agenda for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chief Raleigh Flowers at 305.866.5000.

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