
**TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FL.
AGENDA ITEM
PLANNING & ZONING MEETING**

Meeting Date: August 7, 2023

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TITLE:

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant application for Donald Ross Road Dune Walkover.

This relates to the Council Goal to “Continue to pursue state appropriations and grants while increasing communication about grants.”

BACKGROUND:

At the July 26, 2023 Town Council meeting, staff was directed by Council to apply for the FY23/24 FRDAP grant for the Donald Ross Road Dune Walkover. This application will be for \$150,000 which is a 75/25 match. The state will provide \$112,500 and the Town will provide \$37,500 towards the completion of this renovation project. The state is accepting grant applications until August 31, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

The grant application process requires that this proposed project be brought before an advisory board for review and the Planning and Zoning Board fulfills this requirement. This is a newly acquired beach access point for the Town. This will be the ninth (9th) access point and the eighth (8th) structure that is owned and maintained by the Town. All of the other structures have been renovated and have been rebuilt with composite lumber that will last upwards of 50 yrs. Most of the renovations have been funded with state funding through the FRDAP program. This area will be evaluated by the Town’s coastal engineer as the topography is different from the other access points and may require a different approach to the renovation and design. These grant funds are generally distributed in the summer once the Governor has approved the state budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planning and Zoning Board supports the Town Council’s decision to move forward with the application process for the FY23/24 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant.