Agenda Item: 3L-2

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	July 11, 2023	(X) Consent () Workshop	()Regular ()Public Hearing		
Department:	Environmental Resources Management				
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Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) accept State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Purchase Order of \$432,396.93, which includes funding for Palm Beach County (PBC) to conduct reef restoration work, and pass through funding for The Reef Institute (Reef Institute) to acquire, study, and outplant corals to PBC reefs, beginning July 11, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024;

B) approve Budget Amendment of \$432,397 in the Environmental Resources Capital Projects Fund to recognize the revenue from DEP;

C) approve Agreement with Healthy Aquatics Marine Institute of Florida Inc., DBA The Reef Institute, for a cost reimbursement of the Phase 4A Coral Restoration Project (Project) for an amount not to exceed \$389,327.33 beginning July 11, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023; and

D) authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to sign all future time extensions, task assignments, certifications, and other forms associated with this Agreement and Purchase Order, and any necessary minor amendments that do not substantially change the scope of work, terms, or conditions of the Agreement and Purchase Order.

Summary: In response to the Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease epidemic which recently devastated reefs from Florida to the Caribbean, the Florida legislature appropriated funds to DEP to restore and protect Florida's Coral Reef. DEP is authorized to disburse these funds to local governments and agencies via a Purchase Order. DEP identified Reef Institute as a not-for-profit entity that could expand their current coral nursery to accept and grow additional corals for Stateled restoration efforts. On March 17, 2020 and again on February 2, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved Agreements R2020-0319 and R2021-0192, respectively, to pass money from DEP to Reef Institute to acquire, maintain, and propagate corals and enhance a land-based nursery.

The DEP Purchase Order will fund \$389,327.33 of Reef Institute's Project costs to rear additional corals, study the effects of medical treatments on captive corals, and outplant corals to PBC reefs. The County will receive deliverables from Reef Institute and submit those as an invoice to DEP. Upon payment by DEP to the County, the County will pay Reef Institute. The remaining \$43,069.60 from the DEP Purchase Order includes \$6,188.15 in County administrative costs and will support County-led restoration and monitoring efforts of the natural reef. The County will submit its own deliverables to DEP as described in the Purchase Order. Countywide (SS)

Background and Justification: The Reef Institute is a coral conservation and education organization in PBC that has become an integral part of a State led coral rescue project. The County has the expertise to assist with restoration efforts. This funding will provide Reef Institute and County staff with the resources needed to complete necessary restoration.

Attachments:

- 1. DEP Purchase Order
- 2. The Reef Institute Agreement
- 3. Budget Amendment

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Recommended by:	Schoch Dru	M 5-30-23
	Department Director	Date

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Approved by:

Assistant County Administrator

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027			
Capital Expen	ditures	<u>\$432,397</u>							
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# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)									
Is Item Includ	led in Curi	rent Budget?	Yes _		No <u>X</u>				
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes NoX									
Budget Account No.:									
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III. REVIEW COMMENTS									
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- Assistant County Attorney
- C. Other Department Review:

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