



## Memorandum

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**File #:** 17-00554

City Council

10/12/2017

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** Ashton J. Hayward, III, Mayor

**SUBJECT:**

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) CLEAN-UP GRANT AGREEMENT

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council authorize the Mayor to accept and execute the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant Agreement number 00D59017 in the amount of \$200,000 to clean-up hazardous substances and petroleum contaminants at the Community Maritime Park. Further, that City Council authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary related to the finalization of the grant. Finally, that City Council approve the supplemental budget resolution appropriating the grant funds.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean-up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants.

In December 2016, the City applied for a 2017 Brownfields Clean-up Grant awarded via a competitive process. On May 31, 2017, the City was notified its application was selected as one of the entities EPA would begin negotiations with to award a cooperative agreement for a clean-up grant for the Community Maritime Park. On September 14, 2017, EPA mailed a Cooperative Agreement and Notice of Award to the City. The project period is October 01, 2017 through September 30, 2020.

EPA's Clean-up Grant program will provide \$200,000 over a three year period in direct funding for the City to support community outreach and activities associated with piling removal or shearing in City-owned submerged land off Community Maritime Park. The clean-up site is a 35-acre submerged area of Pensacola Bay that historically housed commercial piers, an industrial repair dry dock for commercial ships, and a railroad freight terminal. It contains more than 500 creosote-treated poles.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the supplemental budget resolution will appropriate the grant funds.

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW:** Yes

9/25/2017

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean-up Grant Agreement Number 00D59017
- 2) Supplemental Budget Resolution
- 3) Supplemental Budget Explanation

**PRESENTATION:** No