



Project Administration Department

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Memorandum

Date: February 6, 2024

To: Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and City Manger

Through: Bob Robertson, Project Administration Department Director *RRP*

Subject: Approve FDEP Grant LPA0229 Amendment and Extension (Sponge Docks Flooding Abatement Project)

Recommendation

Approval is recommended for the Mayor to execute an amended Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection which will extend the contract deadline to April 30, 2027. This grant will provide funding up to \$1,738,390 for the Sponge Docks Flooding Abatement (Stormwater Vault) project.

Summary

Through the proposed amended agreement, FDEP has extended project execution period to remain in effect until April 30, 2027.

This amendment revises the deadline for completion of the construction project to December 31, 2026.

This amendment also includes a revised work plan, which is attached to this memo.

All other terms and conditions of the original agreement remain in effect.

The agreement document is attached.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO AGREEMENT NO. LPA0229
BETWEEN
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS**

This Amendment to Agreement No. LPA0229 (Agreement) is made by and between the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), an agency of the State of Florida, and the City of Tarpon Springs (Grantee), on the date last signed below.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into the Agreement with the Grantee for Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks Flooding Abatement (Project), effective January 20, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Grantee has requested an extension of the Agreement due to design delays; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 3. of the Standard Grant Agreement is hereby revised to change the Date of Expiration to April 30, 2027. The Department and the Grantee shall continue to perform their respective duties during this extension period pursuant to the same terms and conditions provided in the Agreement.
2. Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Attachment 3-1, Revised Grant Work Plan, as attached to this Amendment and hereby incorporated into the Agreement. All references in the Agreement to Attachment 3 shall hereinafter refer to Attachment 3-1, Revised Grant Work Plan.
3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in effect. If and to the extent that any inconsistency may appear between the Agreement and this Amendment, the provisions of this Amendment shall control.

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The parties agree to the terms and conditions of this Amendment and have duly authorized their respective representatives to sign it on the dates indicated below.

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

By: _____
Authorized Signature

By: _____
Secretary or Designee

Costa Vatikiotis, Mayor
Print Name and Title

Angela Knecht, Division Director
Print Name and Title

Date: _____

Date: _____

Zach Easton, DEP Grant Manager

Michael Barr, DEP QC Reviewer

List of attachments/exhibits included as part of this Amendment:

<u>Specify Type</u>	<u>Letter/ Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
Attachment	3-1	Revised Grant Work Plan

**ATTACHMENT 3-1
REVISED GRANT WORK PLAN**

PROJECT TITLE: Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks Flooding Abatement

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project will be located in the City of Tarpon Springs within Pinellas County; Lat/Long (28.1554, -82.7604). See Figure 1 for a site plan.

PROJECT BACKGROUND: The City of Tarpon Springs (Grantee) has prioritized addressing frequent flooding on the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks to mitigate high-water impacts to local residents and businesses. The Grantee has formed a two-phase approach to resolve the issue and has currently installed three (3) tidal check valves to eliminate normal tidal flooding. The tidal check valves are unable to prevent flooding during high tides coinciding with heavy rain events, which will require additional stormwater improvements to prevent flooding. The Project will include installing upgraded stormwater conveyance piping, infrastructure, and a stormwater pumping system.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Grantee will construct stormwater improvements for the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks. The Project will include construction of approximately 1,072 linear feet of piping, a partially rebuilt seawall segment, and a 20 ft x 7 ft storm water pumping station with vault.

TASKS: All documentation should be submitted electronically unless otherwise indicated.

Task 1: Construction

Deliverables: The Grantee will construct stormwater improvements in accordance with the construction contract documents.

Documentation: The Grantee will submit: 1) a copy of the final design; 2) a signed acceptance of the completed work to date, as provided in the Grantee's Certification of Payment Request; and 3) a signed Engineer's Certification of Payment Request.

Performance Standard: The Department's Grant Manager will review the documentation to verify that the deliverables have been completed as described above. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department's Grant Manager, the Grantee may proceed with payment request submittal.

Payment Request Schedule: The Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement no more frequently than monthly.

PROJECT TIMELINE & BUDGET DETAIL: The tasks must be completed by, and all documentation received by, the corresponding task end date. Cost reimbursable grant funding must not exceed the budget amounts as indicated below.

Task No.	Task Title	Budget Category	Grant Amount	Task Start Date	Task End Date
1	Construction	Contractual Services	\$1,738,390	07/01/2021	12/31/2026
Total:			\$1,738,390		

Note that, per Section 8.h. of Attachment 1 in the Agreement, authorization for continuation and completion of work and any associated payments may be rescinded, with proper notice, at the discretion of the Department if the Legislature reduces or eliminates appropriations. Extending the contract end date carries the risk that funds for this project may become unavailable in the future. This should be a consideration for the Grantee with this and future requests for extension.

Figure 1. Site Plan

