

## AO 75 Grant Proposal Pre-Application Assessment Form

### IV. Application (Pre-Award)

**Department:** Natural Resources

**Grant Title:** Brevard County Boating Study

**Funding Agency:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

**General Project Summary:** A new study to update the previous 2007 Boating Study which will focus on vessel owner characteristics, boating usage patterns, and the availability of boating facilities. The County will collaborate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and other key stakeholders to analyze boating in Brevard County, its relationship with manatee distribution and coincidence, and the Manatee Protection Plan. The updated information will guide potential policy changes that support sustainable boating practices while ensuring manatee conservation.

**Please review the pre-application assessment questions on Page 2. In accordance with AO 75 (Section V.B), approval to submit a grant application shall be presented to the County Manager, only after obtaining signatures from:**

#### Department Director/Deputy Director

**Name (print):** Amanda Elmore

**Signature:** Amanda Elmore

**Date:** 3/25/25

#### Central Services

**Name (print):** Kathy Wall

**Signature:** Kathy Wall

**Date:** 3/25/25

#### County Attorney's Office

**Name (print):** Heather Balscr

**Signature:** Heather A. B.

**Date:** 4-1-2025

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### **1. Does the grant opportunity align with the County's goals and objectives and the strategic priorities of the Department/Office?**

Yes, an update to the 2007 Brevard County Boating Study is necessary to address the significant changes in the county's demographics, boating activity, and facility availability since the original study. The project aims to assess the current state of boating facilities, their usage, and the needs of boaters to ensure adequate access. The grant will fund the boating access, facilities, and usage patterns portion of the study. The County will collaborate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and other key stakeholders to analyze boating in Brevard County, its relationship with manatee distribution and coincidence, and Brevard County's Manatee Protection Plan. This will also inform decisions about the future of Brevard's Manatee Protection Plan (MPP) and ensure that both boating access and manatee conservation efforts are balanced.

### **2. Does the Department/Office have the capacity to administer the programmatic and administrative aspects of the grant?**

Yes, the Natural Resources Management Department's Boating & Waterways Program staff does have the capacity to administer the programmatic and administrative aspects of the grant.

### **3. Does the grant require the County to provide matching funds?**

No match is required.

### **4. What is the cost that will be incurred by the Department/Office as a result of implementing the grant that may not be recouped in the grant award?**

The time spent by existing Boating & Waterways Program staff for project management and oversight will not be recouped in the grant award.

### **5. What are the staffing requirements?**

The project will be managed by the existing Boating & Waterways Program staff

### **6. Can the Department/Office provide a clear continuation plan if required? It is required that Departments/Offices develop continuation plans (plans for sustaining grant-funded programs if funding is reduced or terminated) prior to applying for grants.**

This is a one-time project that will update the 2007 Brevard County Boating Study. This project is stand-alone and requires no maintenance or continuation plan.