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Date: September 7, 2018

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Director, Parks Department

Subject: **Authorization to Apply for One or More 2019-2020 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) Coastal Management and/or Coastal Resilience Program Grants – ACTION**

POLICY

Authorization to apply for one or more 2019-2020 WCMP Coastal Management and/or Coastal Resilience grants.

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) administers WCMP Coastal Management grants in collaboration with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council (WCMC) and the Office for Coastal Management (OCM), U.S. Department of Commerce, through funding provided under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. Coastal Management grants support **the management, protection and restoration of Wisconsin's coastal resources, and increases public access** to the Great Lakes through the issuance of grants in the following five categories:

- Coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration
- Nonpoint source pollution control
- Coastal resource and community planning
- Great Lakes education
- Public access and historic preservation projects

Eligible applicants are local units of governments, state agencies, colleges and universities, school districts, regional planning commissions serving coastal areas, tribal units of government and private, nonprofit organizations. Projects must be located in one or more Wisconsin counties adjacent to Lake Superior or Lake Michigan. WCMP grant projects totaling \$60,000 or less require a 50% match, while projects with a total budget larger than \$60,000 require a 60% match. Coastal Management grants may start no earlier than July 1, 2019 and must be completed by June 30, 2020. Coastal management applications are due November 2, 2018.

The WCMP is also seeking to fund projects through its Coastal Resilience grants program. This program is designed to proactively **address vulnerabilities to coastal hazards**. Potential projects include:

- An evaluation of the condition and effectiveness of existing shore protection, bluff vegetation, or coastal stormwater management practices.
- The identification of public infrastructure that is vulnerable to coastal hazards, including roads, sewers and utilities.
- The planning and/or design practices to reduce shoreline recession, including nature-based shore protection, erosion resilient beaches, and bluff revegetation.
- The planning of future harbor or marina infrastructure maintenance and enhancements to withstand hazards.
- The development and evaluation of coastal hazard mitigation strategies or community plans.
- Public education and outreach on coastal resilience issues.

Coastal Resilience projects will involve financial and technical assistance from the WCMP and its partners during the duration of the project. This grant program is part of the Southeastern Wisconsin Coastal Resilience project led by WCMP and its partners which include the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) will administer WCMP's Coastal Resilience Grants in collaboration with the Office for Coastal Management (OCM), U.S. Department of Commerce, through funding provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Resilience Grants program. Applicants must be a local unit of government in southeastern Wisconsin adjacent to Lake Michigan. WCMP Coastal Resilience Grant projects require a nonfederal cost-share match at a 2:1 ratio of grant request to nonfederal match. Match may be in-kind, cash, or a combination of the two. Projects may start no earlier than January 1, 2019 and must be completed by December 31, 2019. Coastal Resilience applications are due October 5, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Parks to apply for one or more 2019-2020 WCMP Coastal Management and/or Coastal Resilience grants. Also, authorize Parks, the Office of Comptroller, and the Department of Administrative Services to execute administrative fund transfers to recognize the receipt of revenue and apply it to improvements associated with any WCMP grants, and to implement the awarded grant funding.

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Approved by:



Guy Smith, Director

Attachments:

- Fiscal Note
- Resolution

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