



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Works Department

City Council Regular Meeting Date: March 31, 2026

To: City Council
From: Fred Mittl, Public Works Director
Scott Krawczuk, Deputy Public Works Director
Date: March 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Sanibel Lighthouse Beach Park Pier Lee County Tourist Development Grant 401626

BACKGROUND: On September 28, 2022 Sanibel suffered catastrophic damage from Hurricane Ian's 150 mph winds and storm surge of 8' to 10'. Nearly every structure in the City of Sanibel received damage including the fishing pier located at Lighthouse Beach Park. The City has been working through the FEMA PA process to secure funding for replacement of the heavily damaged fishing pier. The current estimate received from FEMA for the federal share of the project is only \$145,844.00 which is significantly below the estimated cost to replace. The City sought additional opportunities to secure funding for the balance of the project including through Lee County. At their March 3, 2026 meeting the Lee County Board of County Commissioners approved a grant through the Tourist Development Beach and Shoreline Funding Program in the amount of \$2,148,209.00 for construction of a new pier.

See attached referenced documents:

- Tourist Development Tax Grant Agreement Between Lee County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Sanibel for Sanibel Lighthouse Beach Park Pier
- Exhibit "A" Beach and Shoreline Project Plan

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Lee County Tourist Development Grant 401626 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Lee County.

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary