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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Kelly Wyatt, Planning Director
Amy Miller, Deputy Town Manager and Finance Director

Date: July 29, 2024

Re: Dune Management Cost Share Program

To better assist oceanfront property owners with overall dune management, staff recommend funding the cost share program to include dune vegetation, sand fence installation, and ocean sand relocation activities in the upcoming season.

As a point of reference, the Town processed the below number of sand relocation permits the past four years:

- FY 20-21, 155 sand relocation permits.
- FY 21-22, 190 sand relocation permits.
- FY 22-23, 266 sand relocation permits
- FY 23-24, 280 sand relocation permits

Dune vegetation stabilization is required for sand relocation reimbursement, with a cap of \$3,500. If sand is not being moved, \$1,000 is the cap for plants and fencing, which does include labor and materials. Currently the application interval for planting and sand fence installation is every year, and the application interval for the sand relocation is once every three years. FY 24-25 is the third year of the three-year cycle for the sand relocation reimbursement program.

Activity	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	Application Interval	Application Dates
Planting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Every Year	Oct. 1 - June 30
Sand Fence Installation	Yes (Mid-Way)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Every Year	Oct. 1 - June 30
Sand Relocation	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Once Every Three Years	Nov. 15 - April 15
Max. Funding Amount per Parcel	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500		
Total Program Funding	\$20,000	\$320,000	\$400,000	\$400,000		
Total Amount Disbursed	\$9,931	\$217,152	\$419,000	N/A		
Total Amount Allocated	N/A	\$102,848	\$319,876	N/A		

OBX Better Beaches

Staff has previously recommended allocating \$15,000 to OBX Better Beaches for the purpose of installing dune vegetation. OBX Better Beaches did not request or utilize any portion of this allocation the past season. For the FY 24-25 season, staff recommends that the requested \$400,000 funding include the reimbursements as well as any requests from OBX Better Beaches, not to exceed \$15,000.

A budget ordinance is included for your approval of this request.

Staff will be available to answer any questions.