

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM #11-K: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – FY 2013 AND FY 2014 GRANTS**

#### **SUBJECT:**

The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCZMP), part of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, regularly makes available competitive and non-competitive grant opportunities to Planning District Commissions (PDC) in Tidewater Virginia.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In October 1986, Virginia received its first grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. Since that time, the HRPDC and its predecessors have received over \$2.5 million through this program to provide technical assistance on environmental issues to local governments and to complete a variety of technical studies.

The HRPDC is currently eligible to participate in the second year (FY 2013) of a Working Waterfronts planning project with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). This grant is funded under Section 309 of the Coastal Zone Management Act, and VIMS is the lead agency. The HRPDC has been asked to continue supporting the project and the total contract amount for this grant is \$5,000.

VCZMP has offered to support a project by the HRPDC and the City of Virginia Beach to develop a local sea level rise adaptation plan using funds left over from previous grant years. The maximum amount available is \$28,000, with a required 1:1 match from the HRPDC and Virginia Beach. This project would fall under FY 2013.

VCZMP has announced the availability of competitive grants for Coastal Zone PDCs for FY 2014. Each PDC is allowed to apply for up to two individual projects, with the combined requested funding no greater than \$40,000. Matching funds at a ratio of 3:1 (federal to local) are required.

The Joint Environmental Committee recommended by consensus the Commission authorize the Executive Director to pursue these grant opportunities and to continue participating in the VIMS-led Working Waterfronts effort.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to submit grant proposals to DEQ, accept grant offers when they are made and execute the contract with VIMS for the FY 2013 Working Waterfronts project.