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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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City Commission Information Letter Summary

March 20, 2026

Federal Appropriations Requests for the Coming Fiscal Year

- Following The Color Nine Group President Michael Willis' presentation on February 24, the Office of the City Manager coordinated pending federal funding requests for the upcoming fiscal year.
- The requests include \$5,052,000 for sewer infrastructure improvements in multiple areas of the city.
- An additional \$5,000,000 has been requested for a potential workforce housing initiative in partnership with the Delray Beach CRA.
- The Color Nine Group will continue working with the federal legislative delegation, including staff from Congresswoman Lois Frankel's office, while awaiting a decision on which requests will move forward for congressional consideration.

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Audit for the City of Delray Beach

- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) recently completed an audit of the City's compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.
- The review covered public infrastructure and construction projects, private development activity, and downtown businesses located near storm grates.
- The City of Delray Beach passed the audit with no adverse comments or recommendations for improvement.
- City leadership views this result as a strong outcome for both operational compliance and protection of the local environment.



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Government Finance Officers Association's Pending Review for Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

- As part of the City's annual external audit process, Delray Beach works with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to ensure its financial reporting meets national standards.
- The City is seeking a deadline extension for the GFOA program, whose submission deadline is March 31, 2026, or six months after fiscal year end.
- By comparison, the State of Florida's deadline for audited financial statements is June 30, 2026, or nine months after fiscal year end.
- City leadership and CFO Henry Dachowitz are confident the extension will be approved and that Delray Beach will once again receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Delray Beach Public Safety Pending Involvement in Atlantic High School "Shattered Dreams" Program

- Delray Beach public safety leadership is planning to collaborate with Atlantic Community High School on its "Shattered Dreams" program.
- The program is designed to educate students about responsible driving and the emotional, legal, and physical consequences of impaired or dangerous driving.
- Planned activities include mock crash reenactments, student actors portraying victims, and opportunities for students to interact with first responders and learn how emergency scenes are managed.
- Although the program was initially expected to begin next month, the current plan is to move implementation to the next academic year, with appreciation extended to Fire Rescue Public Education Specialist Tyeisha Knight for her outreach efforts.



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In the aftermath of The Color Nine Group President Michael Willis' February 24th City Commission meeting presentation regarding federal legislative priorities and related opportunities for the coming fiscal year, the Office of the City Manager has been able to coordinate several pending requests for funding appropriation considerations.

As referenced in the attached electronic mail message from Assistant City Manager Jeff Oris, formal requests include a \$5,052,000 to help support various sewer infrastructure-related improvements throughout various areas of our community, as well as an additional \$5,000,000 for a potential workforce housing initiative to be administered in collaboration with the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

Leadership of The Color Nine Group will likewise continue to engage with members of our community's federal legislative delegation (specifically staff from the Office of Congresswoman Lois Frankel) to help advance requests as outlined. Initial results of our efforts will be revealed once Representative Frankel has made her determination relative to which requests she will advance for formal congressional consideration.

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Audit for the City of Delray Beach

With Delray Beach municipal operations including individual storm sewer system functions, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) recently concluded an audit of related compliance obligations in connection with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

As referenced in the attached notification letter from FDEP, this specifically involved a review of all public infrastructure and construction projects, private development, and downtown businesses located adjacent to storm grates.

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Both the Office of the City Manager and that of Director of Public Works Missie Barletto are pleased to report that the City of Delray Beach passed the audit with no adverse comments or suggestions for improvement. This outcome will likewise serve both our organization and community extremely well relative to projection of our local environment.

Government Finance Officers Association's Pending Review for Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

An integral result of the City of Delray Beach's annual external audit process involves applicable collaboration with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This involves assurances that our organization's financial statements meet GFOA's standards for reporting, to include being awarded its annual prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

As referenced in the attached letter from CBIZ (the City's external audit firm) Shareholder Moises D. Ariza, guidance to this effect involves securing a deadline extension for GFOA's program, which is six months after the City's fiscal year end, or March 31, 2026. Please likewise note that the State of Florida's deadline to submit audited financial statements is actually nine months after fiscal year end, or June 30, 2026.

Given the reasonable analysis outlined, both the Office of the City Manager and that of Chief Financial Officer Henry Dachowitz are confident that GFOA will oblige our request as noted. All involved therefore look forward to a favorable outcome, to include the City of Delray Beach once again being awarded this recognition.

Delray Beach Public Safety Pending Involvement in Atlantic High School "Shattered Dreams" Program

In alignment with Delray Beach public safety leadership's commitment to connect with the educational sector to help advance knowledge and protocols for responsible driving, as well as the emotional, legal, and physical consequences of dangerous related behaviors, please be advised of pending

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collaborations involving Atlantic Community High School, and its upcoming “Shattered Dreams” program.

As noted in the attached program description, pending commitments involve participation in youth training programs to feature mock crash reenactments to simulate real emergency responses. Exercises to this effect will likewise include student actors portraying victims of serious traffic collisions caused by impaired driving. Training sessions will also yield opportunities for participating youth to interact with first responders, and to receive an education as to how such incidents are addressed on scene.

Although it was initially contemplated that this program was to begin next month, consensus is being offered to do so during the next academic year.

Meanwhile, much appreciation to Fire Rescue Public Education Specialist Tyeisha Knight for her outreach efforts to date, yielding what should ultimately prove to be an invaluable opportunity for high school students in our community that may otherwise not become possible.

Calendar of Meetings, Activities, and Functions

An integral focus for this past Wednesday’s Executive Leadership Team meeting involved preparation for next week’s annual organizational meeting of the City Commission.

In addition to finalization of that session’s agenda (including confirmation of Raftelis’ presentation of the recently completed Vision 2035 report), Commissioner-Elect Judy Mollica was invited to join us for a formal department director introduction, as well as initial orientation purposes.

Enclosures:

Electronic Mail Message from Jeff Oris – Federal Community Project Funding (Requests) for Next Fiscal Year
Letter from Matt Irwin, FDEP/NPDES Stormwater Program – NPDES MS4 Audit
Letter from CBIZ CPAs Shareholder Moises D. Ariza – Auditor Communication – Recommendation for GFOA Extension
Outline Summary – (Atlantic High School) Shattered Dreams Program
Calendar for Business Week of March 16, 2026

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Terrence R. Moore

From: Oris, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:05 PM
To: Terrence R. Moore
Subject: Federal Community Project Funding for the Next Federal FY

Mr. Moore,

Working with our Federal lobbying firm, The Color Nine Group, the City has recently submitted to Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office two requests for Federal Community Project Funding (CPF). You may recall that the CPF program is one by which each member of Congress is allowed to submit a certain number of projects for potential inclusion in the Federal Budget. It should be noted that even if funds are successfully allocated in a budget, the City still needs to submit an application to an existing grant program and meet the requirements of the program to receive the allocated funds.

This year, Congress opened up the CPF process with an extremely short timeline. The City had only 6 days' notice to prepare projects and submit them to our local member of Congress, Lois Frankel. Staff quickly worked with Michael Willis of The Color Nine Group to submit the following projects for funding to Congresswoman Frankel's:

- 1) \$5,052,000 for the replacement of approximately 13 miles of sanitary sewer lines in the City (roughly 10% of all of the sanitary lines in the City) by the Utility Department.
- 2) \$5,000,000 for a collaboration with the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency to design and construct twelve townhomes with accessory dwelling units for workforce housing.

The next step will be for the Congresswoman to select the projects she will put forth for consideration. From there, the projects will be vetted by various congressional committees with successful projects having funding allocated in the FY 2026-2027 Federal Budget. This of course still requires adoption of the various funding bills in Congress and for the President to sign such bills. Given this process, any funds that are successfully allocated will most likely be available to the City to expend in the City's 2027-2028 fiscal year.

I will keep you updated on the process and success of our funding requests.

Please let me know if you require any additional information regarding our requests or of the CPF process.

Jeff Oris, CEcD
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March 2, 2026

Missie Barletto
Public Works Director
City of Delray Beach
434 S. Swinton Ave.
Delray Beach, FL 33444

Subject: NPDES MS4 Audit
Palm Beach County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)
NPDES Permit No. FLS000018-004
Delray Beach

Dear Ms. Barletto,

Department personnel conducted an NPDES MS4 Audit beginning on August 5, 2025.

Based on the results of the audit, the facility was determined to be **in compliance** with Department rules and regulations.

The Department appreciates your efforts to maintain this facility in compliance with state and federal rules. If you have any questions, please contact me at Matt.Irwin@FloridaDEP.gov, or Michelle Bull at Michelle.Bull@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matt Irwin".

Matt Irwin
NPDES Stormwater Program

NPDES MS4 Audit Report
City of Delray Beach
NPDES Permit No. FLS0000018-004

Attachment: Delray Beach NPDES Stormwater Phase I MS4 Audit Report

Cc: Juan Moises Cuesta, City of Delray Beach
Jason Kaufman, City of Delray Beach
Cynthia Buisson, City of Delray Beach
Anne Capelli, Mock Roos
Michelle Bull, FDEP



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March 2, 2026

City of Delray Beach, Florida
Attn: Mr. Henry Dachowitz, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer
100 N.W. 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Re: Auditor Communication – Recommendation to request GFOA COA Extension

We, CBIZ CPAs P.C., are engaged to audit the financial statements of the City of Delray Beach, Florida (the “Organization” or “Entity”) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

The Entity participates in the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (COA) Program. Reports submitted to the COA program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and the GFOA Special Review Committee (SRC), which comprises of individuals with expertise in public sector financial reporting. Each annual comprehensive financial report is reviewed to determine compliance with both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and program policy as established by the GFOA's Special Review Executive Committee and the GFOA Executive Board. The deadline for the GFOA program is “six months after the government’s fiscal year end”. As such, the entity’s deadline is March 31, 2026. As a result of the audit progress made to date, we take this opportunity to advise the Entity to request a GFOA deadline extension. As a reminder, participation in the GFOA COA program is optional and is not a requirement set forth by Florida Statutes.

This information is intended solely for the use of management of the Entity and can be provided to the elected body to keep them abreast of the status of the fiscal year 2025 audit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Moises D. Ariza".

Moises D. Ariza, CPA, CGMA
Shareholder, CBIZ CPAs P.C.

CC: Mr. Terrence Moore, City Manager

Shattered Dreams Program

Overview

The **Shattered Dreams Program** is an educational initiative aimed at high school students to demonstrate the real-life consequences of impaired and distracted driving. Through a realistic crash simulation and interactive activities, students gain a powerful understanding of how one poor decision can impact lives, families, and the community.

Purpose

- Promote safe and responsible driving behaviors
- Reduce incidents involving teens impaired/distracted driving
- Increase awareness of legal, emotional, and physical consequences
- Strengthen relationships between youth and first responders

Community Collaboration

This program requires coordination between:

- Fire Rescue
- Police Department
- High School Administration
- EMS / Medical Personnel
- Community partners (victim advocacy groups, hospitals) collaboration with Delray Medical

Benefits to the City

- Enhances public safety through prevention
- Builds community trust and engagement
- Provides impactful youth education
- Demonstrates leadership in proactive safety initiatives

Logistics

- **Location:** High school campus (Atlantic High School)
- **Duration:** 2-day program (main event approx. 2–3 hours)
- **Resources Needed:**
 - Donated vehicles (for simulation)
 - Emergency apparatus and personnel
 - Basic staging and audio support

Safety

- Controlled environment led by trained professionals
- Established safety perimeter
- Pre-event coordination and briefing for all participants

Program Structure (Idea)

Day 1:

- Classroom presentations by Fire Rescue, Law Enforcement, and EMS
- Guest speakers (survivors, victims' families, medical professionals)

Day 2 (Main Event):

- Live crash simulation with student actors
- Emergency response demonstration (Fire, Police, EMS)
- Extrication and fatality scenario

March 16, 2026 - March 22, 2026

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Monday, March 16

- ← EOC Status - Level 4 - Normal Municipal Operations/Monitoring - Delray Prepared EOC →
- 7:00am - 8:30am Begin CIL (CM Office) ↻
- 8:00am - 8:30am Various Follow-Up (Office of Director of Human Resources Duane D'Andrea) - Terrence R. Moore
- 8:30am - 8:40am New employee orientation (First Floor Conference Room) - Bast, Dot ↻
- 9:00am - 9:30am Missie Barletto: Biweekly Touchbase Meeting (CM Office) - Terrence R. Moore ↻
- 10:00am - 11:00am Mayor Meeting w/CM Moore Re: Agenda & Updates (CM Office) - Terrence R. Moore ↻
- 11:30am - 12:00pm Follow-Up Phone Call Regarding the Red Sofa (Phone Call) - Terrence R. Moore
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm Duane D'Andrea Bi-Weekly Meeting (CM Office) -
- 2:30pm - 4:00pm Various (Various)

Tuesday, March 17

- ← EOC Status - Level 4 - Normal Municipal Operations/Monitoring - Delray Prepared EOC →
- 9:00am - 9:30am Hassan Hadjimiry Bi-Weekly Meeting (434 S Swinton Ave (434 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach, Florida 33444)) - Terrence R. Moore ↻
- 10:00am - 11:30am MANDATORY Public Records Training - Session 1 (Conference Room - Commission Chambers) - Graikowski,
- 10:00am - 10:30am Henry Dachowitz Bi-Weekly Meeting (CM Office) - Terrence R. Moore ↻
- 11:30am - 12:30pm Compile Information Letter Report - GFOA Extension Considerations (TITLE) (CM Office) - Terrence R. Moore
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Compile Information Letter Report - Federal Appropriations Request for the Coming Fiscal Year (CM Office) -
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm Compile Information Letter Report - Delray Beach Public Safety Involvement in Atlantic High School

Wednesday, March 18

- ← EOC Status - Level 4 - Normal Municipal Operations/Monitoring - Delray Prepared EOC →
- 7:30am - 8:30am Kiwanis Club of Delray (American Legion Post #65, 263 NE 5th Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida) ↻
- 9:00am - 10:00am Weekly Meeting with the Executive Leadership Team (Conference Room - City Hall 1st Floor) - Terrence R. Moore ↻
- 9:30am - 11:00am Orientation Judy Mollica (Conference Room - City Manager) - Terrence R. Moore
- 11:00am - 11:30am C. Chitester - Biweekly Touchbase (CM Office) - Terrence R. Moore ↻
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm PBC League of Cities District 4 Lunch Notice
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Officer Robert Addea Retirement Celebration
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Commissioner Markert Meeting w/CM Moore
- 4:00pm - 4:30pm Organizational and Operational Structure for
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm CRA Ribbon Cutting: Harvey Insurance Solutions

Thursday, March 19

- ← EOC Status - Level 4 - Normal Municipal Operations/Monitoring - Delray Prepared EOC →
- 9:00am - 10:00am Samuel Metott Annual Performance Evaluation
- 9:30am - 10:30am Compile Information Letter Report - Pass Result of NDDes Audit Closure (CM Office) - Terrence R. Moore
- 11:00am - 11:30am Considerations Regarding Delray Boxing (Conference Room - City Manager) - Terrence R. Moore
- 11:30am - 12:00pm Alexis Givings: Biweekly Touchbase (CM Office) ↻
- 1:00pm - 1:30pm Pre-Disciplinary Meeting - Chris Bell (Conference Room - City Manager) - Terrence R. Moore
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Organizational and Operational Structure for Economic Development Synergy (Conference Room - City Manager) -
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm Various (Various) ↻
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Police Chief Hunter Bi-Weekly meeting (CM

Friday, March 20

- ← EOC Status - Level 4 - Normal Municipal Operations/Monitoring - Delray Prepared EOC →
- 7:30am - 9:00am Finalize CIL (CM Office) ↻
- 9:00am - 9:30am Anthea Gianniotis Bi-Weekly Meeting (CM Office) ↻
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Process UKG Time and Attendance (CM Office) - Terrence R. Moore ↻

Saturday, March 21

- ← 12:00am EOC Status - Level 4 - Normal Municipal Operations/Monitoring - Delray Prepared EOC →
- 10:00am - 11:30am Delray Beach American Little League Opening Ceremony (Pompey Park)
- 10:00am - 11:30am Delray Beach Tennis Center (Delray Beach
- 11:30am - 1:00pm Various, CIL Notes, etc. (CM Office) ↻

Sunday, March 22

- ← 12:00am EOC Status - Level 4 - Normal Municipal Operations/Monitoring - Delray Prepared EOC →