



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor & Commissioners

From: Hector Gomez, Town Manager

Date: September 21, 2023

Subject: Sargassum Clean-up Reimbursement Grant

This year's sargassum mass was of record proportions. In an effort to maintain the beaches enjoyable for public use and mitigate the impacts of littering as well as high sargassum deposits during certain periods of the year, the Town has contractual services with Beach Raker, LLC for beach cleaning and maintenance services. Due to Town Commission's proactive measures, the Town has maintained the high quality of the beaches as well mitigated a tourism emergency.

Town staff applied for a grant for sargassum clean-up reimbursement and is happy to announce that the Town will receive the full requested amount of \$73,614.00 from the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) under the Sargassum Clean-up Reimbursement Grant. This amount will cover 43% of the funds allocated for beach raking services for fiscal year 2023.