

FWC Grant and Iguana Control Update

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) grant provided \$500,000 in state funding for Australian pine removal and iguana control. Although the funding was approved in the prior fiscal year's state budget, FWC did not fully execute the agreement until mid-December 2025.

The original agreement ended June 30, 2026; however, an extension has now been granted through September 15, 2026. CEPD has billed all eligible costs incurred through June 30, 2026.

Because of the delayed execution, the District was unable to expend the full grant amount during the original agreement period. Nick and Stephen with The Southern Group, CEPD's lobbyists, are now working with FWC to seek approval to reallocate the remaining grant funds to additional iguana-control services so the District does not leave available funding unused.

The grant allowed CEPD to bill 10% in administrative costs, resulting in \$34,454.60 in administrative revenue to the CEPD Capital Fund.

The accompanying Transaction Report reflects all iguana-control expenses paid by CEPD during the past two years. Prior to receiving the FWC grant, CEPD paid approximately \$77,000 from District funds for iguana-control services.