



## City of Tampa Agenda Item Request

Department: Community and Redevelopment Agency

CRA Regular

**Submittal Date:** 2/25/2026  
**Requested Meeting Date:** 3/12/2026  
**Type of Request:** CRA Resolution  
**Contact:** Mia Dorton 813-274-8643  
**Subject:** Channel District CRA - A Resolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Tampa, Florida, approving the Florida Aquarium, Inc. Grant Funding and Construction Agreement by and between the CRA and the Florida Aquarium.

**Resolution / Ordinance Title:** File No. CRA26-22055  
Channel District CRA - A Resolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Tampa, Florida, approving the Florida Aquarium, Inc. Grant Funding and Construction Agreement by and between said Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA") and the Florida Aquarium, Inc. ("awardee") to repair and renovate property generally described as 701 Channelside Drive Tampa, Florida 33602 ("the Florida Aquarium Property") including major improvements to and renovations of the existing facilities, creating new exhibits, a multi-space gallery and a large-scale outdoor exhibit on property located within the boundaries of the Channel District Community Redevelopment Area; authorizing execution of the Community Redevelopment Grant Funding Agreement by the Chair of the CRA and attestation by the CRA Secretary; providing an effective date.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Awardee has proposed to redevelop the Florida Aquarium Property through major improvements to and renovations of the existing facilities, creating new exhibits, a multi-space gallery and a large-scale outdoor exhibit.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Yes

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

This resolution provides for an agreement between the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Tampa and The Florida Aquarium, Inc. for the Channel District CRA not to exceed \$15,000,000 within the Channel District CRA Fund.

**PROJECTED COSTS:** 61900 213800 582517 1002841 \$5,000,000 (Expenditure) (FY2026)

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