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## FY 2021 Passenger Ferry Grant Program

DESCRIPTION: Application for grant funding to procure new landing barge for Algiers Point and dry-dock and modernize the Levy and Armiger Ferries	AGENDA NO: Click or tap here to enter text.
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RECOMMENDATION:

To authorize the Chief Executive Officer to seek federal funding not to exceed the amount of \$8,083,189 to improve safety and reliability of the ferry operations. The total project amount is estimated at \$10,103,986; the local match is 20%, \$1,893,647

ISSUE/BACKGROUND:

The Strategic Mobility Plan has a goal of being reliable, prioritizing the rider experience and connecting riders to opportunities. The FY 2021 Passenger Ferry Grant Program is a competitive grant program that the RTA is eligible to participate. The available pool is \$38 million, and the application deadline is October 5, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is requesting \$8,083,189 to replace the Algiers Point Landing Barge and dry-dock and modernize both the Levy and Armiger Ferry Boats. The barge at this location has served beyond its useful life. The agency is seeking funds to replace the barge, standardize as many components as feasible as part of the agency's effort to maximize the flexibility of the marine fleet.

Funds are also requested to comply with regulatory agencies requirements to dry-dock and modernize both ferry boats. The Levy is a car ferry that service the Lower Algiers/Chalmette route and the Armiger is one of the passenger ferries that service the Algiers Point/Canal route.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The RTA will be responsible for the local match of \$1,893,647 if the entire grant amount is awarded.

NEXT STEPS:

This grant application is due October 5, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

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