



Agenda Item Summary

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Special Projects and Community Enhancements (SPACE) RFA 24-416-LC Grant Review Committee Funding Recommendations

Presenter:

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Description:

Applications were submitted in response to Request for Applications (RFA) 24-416-LC Special Projects and Community Enhancements (SPACE) by 501(c)(3) non-profit entities. A Grant Review Committee recommended funding as follows to the following entities and projects:

- Grace Grows, Inc.: Grace Grows Garden Improvement to Increase Food and Therapeutic Program Access for People Experiencing Homelessness \$23,551.00
- St. Francis House, Inc.: Sunrise Inn Residence Renovation Project to Increase Affordable Housing \$32,910.00
- University of Florida Foundation (on behalf of The Mobile Outreach Clinic): Support of the Structure of the Mobile Outreach Clinic \$50,000.00
- University of Florida College of Dentistry (Faculty Associates, Inc.): Oral Health Care for Special Needs Patients \$44,716.00

Total funding recommended is \$151,177.00

Recommended Action:

Approve the recommendations of the Grant Review Committee and authorize the County Manager to execute resulting agreements with the entities on behalf of the County.

Prior Board Motions:

On May 23, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved RFA 24-416-LC

Fiscal Note:

Sufficient funds exist in 001.29.2903.569.82.00

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP) currently awards 3-year funding to successful applicants that provide programming in specific categories to benefit Alachua County residents at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. For a variety of reasons, the annual budgeted amount is

often not fully expended. This RFA awards one-time grants for special projects or capital purchases/improvements using the unexpended dollars.

28 applications were received and evaluated by the Grant Review Committee. A public meeting was held on July 19, 2023, where the Committee met and made their recommendations for funding based on the scoring of the proposals:

- Grace Grows, Inc. which will enhance the existing garden and purchase a farm vehicle \$23,551.00
- St. Francis House, Inc. which will renovate units at the Sunrise Inn \$32,910.00
- University of Florida Foundation (on behalf of The Mobile Outreach Clinic) which will purchase equipment and vehicle for the Mobile Outreach Clinic \$50,000.00
- University of Florida College of Dentistry (Faculty Associates, Inc.) which will purchase mobile dental equipment \$44,716.00

Total funding recommended by the Grant Review Committee \$151,177.00