



Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 23-00481**

**Agenda Date: 9/12/2023**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Recognize Unanticipated Revenue for Springs Protection Tag Grants**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Request approval of a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$28,140, adoption of a Resolution to recognize unanticipated revenue for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Protect Florida Springs Tag (License Plate) Grants, approve an inter-fund load for \$28,140, and authorize the County Manager to sign the grant agreements.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve and sign the Resolution and Budget Amendment to recognize \$28,140 in unanticipated revenue in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 to fund 260-5511 (for \$20,000 in Project Number 4235501 and \$8,140 in Project Number 4235502), approve an Interfund loan of \$28,140, and authorize the County Manager to sign the grant agreements.

**Prior Board Motions:**

None

**Fiscal Note:**

Environmental Protection Department (EPD) will provide \$10,000 in matching funds [Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) budgeted funds in 001-5511] for PFS2407 Lower Santa Fe River Springs Herbicide and Pesticide Study project for additional analytical services.

Funds: 260.55.5511.337.3000 Revenue  
260.55.5511.537.31.00 Expenses

**Strategic Guide:**

Environment

**Background:**

The County is receiving grant funding from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) through the Protect Florida Springs Tag Grant program. Alachua County has previously received these grants focusing on springs protection in the Santa Fe River basin beginning in State Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Alachua County has been awarded \$20,000 for PFS24-07 Lower Santa Fe River Springs Herbicide and Pesticide Study. This project will investigate possible pulse events of herbicides and pesticides at spring locations in the Santa Fe River basin. This project includes a \$10,000 match from existing EPD budget for additional analytical analysis with our contracted laboratory.

Grant PFS24-03 Lower Santa Fe River Basin Groundwater Nitrate Assessment project is for \$8,140 to pay for analysis and sampling of groundwater collected from wells in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin to identify nitrate trends within the Springshed. This project will build upon a similar project implemented a few years ago.

The project work for the grants consists of technical work with professional services providers, with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) managing the projects. Revenue for these grants will be booked under fund number 260.55.5511.337.3000 and expenses will be booked under fund number 260.55.5511.537.3100. The grants are reimbursement grants and will require a loan for the full amount for a total of \$28,140. The grants are effective for a period of 12 months, beginning October 1, 2023, and concluding September 30, 2024, with the option to extend the project an additional six months.