

General Fund (052) Special Projects – Status

Capital Infrastructure:

Affordable Rural Broadband Infrastructure – Currently in the planning phase which includes development of maps, USDA grant application, Local Technology Planning Team, and supporting Internet Service Providers in FDEO grant application submissions.

Santa Fe Hills Water System – Engineer has been selected and approved.

Public Health:

Vaccination Incentives – Project complete with a balance of \$645,394 for redistribution to other projects.

Ambulance Transport – 12 FTEs have transitioned to normal funding and bonuses are still being earned. There will be over \$600,000 left for redistribution when project closes.

EMS Training Facility & Equipment - The bid for the training facility renovation was approved by the Board on 6/27/2023. A purchase order for \$50,000 for medical grade gloves was processed. A second order for \$50,000.00 will be placed in FY24. The remaining funds for Personal Protection Equipment is available for reallocation.

Central Receiving Facility - Notice received on 5/4/2023 that the House and Senate approved the budget recommendation for \$2.1 million in one year of operational funding for the new Central Receiving Facility at Meridian. Legislature approved and Governor signed the FY23/24 budget to include recurring costs for Meridian to operate a Central Receiving Facility with an annual award of \$2.1 million. This will require a 50% local match. Meridian will be required to obtain this match from all local communities served by the program. Meridian is working on an LBR to request legislative reduction of the CRS match to 25% in coming years. Anticipated operating date is summer 2024.

Closing Health Care Disparities - Contracts with the Department of Health, Dr. Guyer, and Community Partners and Engagement Consultants were fully executed by the Board on 4/18/23.

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Eastside Medical Care - Bids came in higher than desired, but Shands has decided to fill the gap to keep the project moving. Currently, the city roadway is under review with SJWMD. Once that is approved, they will apply for the final permit. Cullison Wright is the CM and plans to start as soon as the site permit is issued. They will provide the final schedule in a few weeks; however, the project is still on track to complete this time next year.

Current Total Cost: \$7,341,385

Board Approved Budget: \$5,750,000 (County contribution - \$2,250,000)

Delta to Budget: \$1,591,385

Negative Economic Impact:

Immediate Food Security / Strike Out Hunger - Status: In year three of project execution, 50% complete

November 2021 - First turkey and grocery store gift card incentive.

November 2022 - Second round of grocery store gift card incentive.

November 2023 - Third round of emergency food assistance with semi-regular fresh food deliveries/pickup

November 2024 - Fourth round of emergency food assistance with semi-regular fresh food deliveries/pickup

Per the ARPA Work Plan, the programmatic offerings and goals will be expanded to include more locally sourced and perishable foodstuffs from local farmers in years three through four. In addition, garden seeds for vegetable growing will be included in the distribution baskets to promote long-term food security.

Meat Processing Facility –

Status: Site due diligence work ongoing, 10% complete

Timeline:

June 2021 - Begin Stakeholder and Board engagement.

Dec 2022 - ARPA Work Plan approved by the Board (Are these resources moving to a Revenue Recovery status in May?)

April-May 2023 (+4 months to complete analysis) - Traffic Impact Study of CR337

June 2023 - Environmental due diligence complete

July 10, 2023 - Board review of interlocal agreement for land

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July 11, 2023 - Seeking Board authorization to solicit an Operator and A/E services.

Oct 2023 -Mar 2024 – Seeking Board approval of Operator's business plan and facility design.

April 2024 - Dec 2026 - Construction

Progress: The Board directed staff to continue site due diligence on April 4, 2023. Upon completion of the environmental review in June 2023, staff will bring back an interlocal agreement for the property with Newberry at the July 10 Joint Meeting. The RFP for A/E and Operator services will be brought back on the Board's July 11 regular meeting.

Project Synopsis:

Supporting small ranchers with access to local, USDA-inspected meat processing facilities offering a range of services to move products to market. Small, local ranchers of cows, pigs, sheep, and goats are experiencing significant delays in accessing USDA-inspected processing facilities. In addition, they drive up to 100 miles for these services. This represents a significant economic barrier. Funds would be used to develop a 10,000 SF facility in Newberry, Florida, that could provide niche meat processing services to this community, designed as a public-private partnership. Professional expertise will be solicited for the administration of the facility. Funds would be for the development of the facility. Project partners: City of Newberry, UF/IFAS Meat Science, private sector operations manager. Total project funding is \$2,500,000.

Food System Workforce Development - Supports the expansion of high-quality vocational opportunities in the food system targeting marginalized communities. Culinary arts represent a unique vocational opportunity for those in the workforce and youth. The project would build off existing methodology supported by the Board through their Community Redevelopment Food System Grants. The agreement with **Working Foods** is in final re-review with Risk and Contracts. As soon as the agreement is ready, it will be put on the July 11 Consent Agenda. Goals and objectives are included in the agreement. Work will begin immediately after Board approval. May-December 2024 Project execution and reporting.

Retail Food Access for Marginalized Communities - Staff will seek a non-profit partner to deploy the resources to achieve the ARPA workplan Fresh Food Pathways objectives.

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June-July 2023 - Develop Work Scope

July-August 2023 - Create RFP for Fresh Food Pathways Professional Services Agreement.

August-October 2023 - Review and bring back a best qualified non-profit partner for Board approval.

Small Producer Agriculture Capital Support Grant -

April-June 2023 - Verify score-qualified applicants' proposals from the 2020 SMAACA pilot project are still valid, and business remains a functioning farm.

June-September 2023 - Distribute funds to 2020 score qualified applicants

July-December 2023 - Follow-up and Farm Reporting to the County

January 2024 - Announce new round of SMAACA funding using the same 2020 methodology.

Progress:

Staff is contacting all proposers that met the scoring criteria for project funding.

Staff will need to review their proposals for applicant's project viability and to see if costs have changed due to inflation.

Project Synopsis:

Small farmers and ranchers have a grant opportunity through the Board of County Commissioners over the next two years. A mini-grant can be used to support Alachua County-based farms and ranches that earn between \$1,000 and \$250,000 per year. To reduce inequity in marginalized communities, this grant will also prioritize small farms and ranches that are owned by black, women, indigenous, and persons-of-color. Funding is for capital and equipment expenditures that will positively impact operations' income. The total grant request must not exceed \$5,000. Only one application per farm or ranch is permitted.

The total funding available is \$200,000. This two-year program would provide grant amounts of \$100,000 per year. Program would run from May 2023 through December 2024. The first round of funding is anticipated to be distributed in July-August 2023 to previously unfunded 2020 score-qualified SMAACA applicants. A second round of funding would be solicited in January 2024.

Energy Efficiency & Weatherization Affordable Housing -

Vendor contract signed and active (Dec 20, 2022)

Pilot began (Jan 16, 2023)

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Received Legal approval to sign up landlords (April 5, 2023)

Progress: Total \$17,201 spent (as of May 25, 2023) of approximately \$340k allocated to pilot. 7 tune-ups/pre-assessments complete. 6 units determined to be eligible or maybe eligible based on building condition (7th tune-up was a mobile home. We are not completing mobile homes until additional guidance is provided in the full program). Betsy is planning to go back to the Board in June or early July to request an extension of the pilot into October 2023 (original pilot end date is August 2023).

Budget Inn Operations – Operations will not begin until after completion of renovation.

Construction status:

Executed contract received back from Florida DEO for renovation funding of \$4.1 million. Pending as to whether funds will be needed to complete the renovations and for initial operating period. Additional response from DEO that requires further work on the Environmental Review. Housing Staff working with Facilities Staff to respond to State requests. No work can be completed nor will funds be released until DEO approves the Environmental Review.

Affordable Housing Project in Development – 2nd motel purchase is under review and may result in a renovation and operations plan returning to the Board.

Language Access (Immigrant Liaison Board) – In process of hiring the lead position.

Revenue Recovery:

These funds were established to assist the County in maintaining operations through the recovery of COVID.

Road Infrastructure – Funds to help with small paving crew start-up

Parks Improvements – On-going as identified in the risk assessment

Animal Services Locate and Design – Location identification in process.

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Housing Trust Seed Funds – Community and Support Services is working with local housing partners and will return to the Board in August during budget reviews to discuss an omnibus housing plan.

Rental Program Seed Funds – Program development is under review due to recent State legislative action.

Self-Insurance Claims – Support for increase claims expenses

GIS Analyst for 2 years beginning FY24 – Development of managing the increased demand for GIS services through-out the County.

MUNIS Financial System Implementation – Go-live is planned for January 2024 and is currently on schedule.

GNV4ALL – Contract executed in June 2023. Students to begin receiving services when school starts.

Trunked Radio System Expansion – Expansion planned to begin after acquisition of legacy system from GRU in October 2023.

Community ID Program – Contract on July 11, 2023, agenda

Capital Infrastructure – Funding transfer to take place in Q3 2023.