



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00090

Agenda Date: 1/23/2024

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Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places Project with the City of Gainesville for the NE 31 Avenue Trail

Presenter:

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Description:

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Recommended Action:

Approve the Joint Wild Spaces Public Places Project with the City of Gainesville for the NE 31 Avenue Trail; authorize County staff to finalize the Grant Agreement using the attached Form Grant Agreement, and upon approval from the County Attorney's Office authorize the Alachua County Chair and Clerk to sign the Grant Agreement.

Prior Board Motions:

August 22, 2023 - Hear presentation and approve the Joint Infrastructure Surtax Projects Application form as proposed.

May 23, 2023 – Approve equal distribution between all nine cities (\$333,333 for Wild Spaces Public Places and \$333,333 for Infrastructure). Staff is to develop a standard application form to detail how the grant provides both countywide significance as laid out in the statute, and local significance for their respective municipality and that the form be reviewed by the Oversight Board.

Fiscal Note:

Not to exceed \$875,000 of the City of Gainesville's allocated \$3,333,333 in joint Wild Spaces Public Places partnership project funding.

It should be noted that of the \$3,660,000 awarded to the City of Gainesville as part of the 2016 Wild Spaces Public Places ½ cent surtax partnership project funding, only \$125,000 has been spent/reimbursed by the County for one City-completed project, as of January 12, 2024.

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

The City of Gainesville has applied to partner with Alachua County on their NE 31 Avenue Trail project. Section 5 of Ordinance 22-08 establishes “Alachua County’s Non-Recurring Municipal Partnership Program” which sets aside \$12 million of the County’s infrastructure surtax proceeds for joint partnership projects with all nine cities.