



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00236

Agenda Date: 3/26/2024

Agenda Item Name:

Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places Project with the City of Newberry

Presenter:

Dallas Lee – Assistant City Manager - City of Newberry

Gina Peebles – Assistant County Manager – Chief of Staff

Description:

Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places Project with the City of Newberry

Recommended Action:

Approve the City of Newberry's application for Municipal Partnership Program surtax grant funding for WSPP grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$133,333; authorize County staff to finalize the Grant Agreements 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 Agreements.

Prior Board Motions:

February 27, 2024 – Approve the City of Newberry's two applications for Municipal Partnership Program surtax grant funding, one for WSPP grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and one for Other Infrastructure grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$333,333.00; authorize County staff to finalize the Grant Agreements 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 Agreements.

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 \$133,333 of the City of Newberry's allocated \$333,333 in joint Wild Spaces Public Places partnership project funding.

To be paid from: 140.00.0000.572.81.48 Aid to Government Agencies – Newberry.

Strategic Guide:
Infrastructure

Background:

Section 5 of Ordinance 22-08 establishes “Alachua County’s Non-Recurring Municipal Partnership Program” to be allocated among the County’s nine municipalities, which sets aside \$3 million of the County’s infrastructure surtax proceeds for joint WSPP Projects and another \$3M for Other Infrastructure Projects. The grant programs require matching funds from the municipal applicants and all grant funding is payable by the County on a reimbursement basis after the project has been completed. On May 23, 2023, the Board directed that each \$3M pool of Grant Funding be allocated equally between all nine municipalities (*i.e.*, \$333,333.33 per municipality per grant program).

The City of Newberry has submitted an application for grant funding not to exceed \$133,333 in WSPP Grant Funding that will be used to construct a paved and lit parking lot at Easton Newberry Sports Complex.