



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00626**

**Agenda Date: 7/9/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places and Infrastructure Projects with the City of Alachua**

**Presenter:**

Robert Bonetti – City of Alachua

Gina Peebles – Assistant County Manager – Chief of Staff

**Description:**

Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places and Infrastructure Projects with the City of Alachua

**Recommended Action:**

Pursuant to Ordinance 2022-08, approve the Surtax Grant Application submitted by the City of Alachua to reimburse the City of Alachua in an amount up to \$333,333 of its cost to install/construct a multipurpose and ballfield lighting system at Legacy Park, authorize the Alachua County Chair and Clerk to execute the grant agreement using the form grant agreement attached to this agenda item, and approve the attached budget amendment.

**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:**

BoCC match will not exceed the City of Alachua's allocated \$333,333 in joint Wild Spaces Public Places partnership project funding. The attached budget amendment moves the funding of all 9 municipalities to the appropriate accounts. Fund 140.00.0000.572.81.42 for the City of Alachua.

**Strategic Guide:**

Infrastructure

**Background:**

The City of Alachua has submitted one (1) application to the County for award of surtax grant funding

pursuant to the County's Non-Recurring Municipal Partnership Program established by Ordinance 2022-08. The grant program provides up to \$333,333 in WSPP Grant Funding and up to \$333,333 in Other Infrastructure Grant funding to each municipality within Alachua County. The program requires matching funds from the municipality and is paid on a cost reimbursement basis. In order to award grant funding under this program, the Board must determine the following: (1) the project is eligible to use surtax funding; and (2) that the project has "countywide significance."

One (1) Application for Wild Spaces Public Places Uses:

1. Installation and construction of field lighting at the City's Legacy – Hal Brady Recreation Complex as generally depicted in Attachments 1 and 2. The multipurpose and ballfield lighting project will improve Legacy - Hal Brady Recreation Complex facility quality by providing more energy efficient lighting that will serve to augment participant activities and safety. Additionally, it will enhance the ability of attracting multi-day events to promote and economically benefit the community and, in general, the area. The project is estimated to cost \$1,112,250, of which the County will reimburse the City in an amount up to \$333,333. The project schedule anticipates commencement of construction in August 2024 and completion in November 2024.