



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00647**

**Agenda Date: 8/13/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**CareerSource NCF DEO Disallowed Costs**

**Presenter:**

Phyllis Marty

**Description:**

At their June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Bradford County BoCC approved this agreement between the Alachua Board of County Commissioners and The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners Regarding Reimbursement of Disallowed Costs for CSNCF FY 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. This agreement was drafted by Alachua County pursuant to the Bradford County decision to agree to pay 13% (\$113,465.83) of the settlement of disallowed costs from Career Source North Central Florida's (CSNCF) expenditures of grant funding.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve of agreement and authorize Chair to sign

**Prior Board Motions:**

April 12, 2022 Approval to pay Disallowed Costs

**Fiscal Note:**

Repayment of \$113,456.83 to Alachua County

**Strategic Guide:**

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

**Background:**

Alachua County and Bradford County comprise a workforce development area for the North Central Florida under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, United States Public Law 113 - 128 ("WIOA"). WIOA requires that where a workforce development area is comprised of more than unit of local government, those governmental units must enter into an agreement that specifies the respective roles of the individual chief elected officials of each general purpose unit of government. Alachua and Bradford counties previously entered into that certain interlocal agreement executed on November 9, 2016 (the "2016 Interlocal Agreement"), for the purpose of establishing a multi-jurisdictional arrangement to carry out the individual responsibilities of each Party under WIOA. The 2016 Interlocal Agreement established a Local Workforce Development Board ("LWDB"), commonly referred to as CareerSource North Central Florida, to execute certain workforce responsibilities related delegate to the LWDB pursuant to Federal statutes and regulations. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity ("DEO") awarded various grants to CareerSource North Central Florida

("CSNCFL") for fiscal years 2017- 18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. In 2019, DEO completed its financial monitoring of CSNCFL for Fiscal Years 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20, as reflected in DEO's 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 Financial Compliance Monitoring Report dated December 20, 2019 ("Monitoring Report") The Monitoring Report questioned the appropriateness of \$5,593,585.90 of CSNCFL's expenditure of grant funding awarded to CSNCFL during Fiscal Years 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. After a lengthy investigation, by letter dated April 4, 2022, DEO determined that it would disallow \$872,814.04 of DEO-funded grant expenditures and demanded that CSNCFL repay that amount from non-federal funding sources. Although the grant funds were administered by CSNCFL, federal law and the 2016 Interlocal Agreement provided that Alachua County and Bradford County were the grant recipients and, therefore, are legally responsible to repay grant funding that is determined to have been misused. On April 12, 2022, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners took up this matter and, among other things, agreed to pay the entire \$872,814.04 disallowed amount if Bradford County would agree to reimburse Alachua County for 13% of that amount, for a total reimbursement of \$113,456.83. On April 21, 2022, the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners took up this matter and, among other things, agreed to reimburse Alachua County in the total amount of \$113,456.83. Based upon Bradford County's actions on April 21, 2022, Alachua County timely remitted payment to DEO in the full amount of \$872,814.04, receipt of said payment was acknowledged by DEO by letter dated June 13, 2022. Alachua and Bradford counties now wish to formalize the terms by which Bradford County will reimburse Alachua County in the amount of \$113,456.83 by way of this agreement.