



Agenda Item Summary

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Florida Department of Environmental Protection FY25 Household Hazardous Waste Co-op Grant No. HHW 501.

Presenter:

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Description:

Agreement between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Alachua County for the purpose of conducting Hazardous Waste Collection events in nine (9) neighboring counties.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Florida Department of Environmental Protection FY25 Household Hazardous Waste Co-op Grant No. HHW 501 and interfund loan of \$240,334.00.

Prior Board Motions:

This grant is renewed annually upon appropriation of funds by the State of Florida. Alachua County has renewed this grant every year since 1999.

Fiscal Note:

Approve FDEP funding agreement for this reimbursement grant which is in the FY25 tentative budget. Future years funding is dependent on annual appropriation by the State of Florida. The reimbursable costs are estimated to be \$191,000 from FDEP and \$40,334 from the neighboring counties these are budgeted in FDEP Hazardous Waste Coop Fund (236) in the various accounts with each of the nine counties being separate (236.76.55XX.537.XX.XX). The Department is requesting an interfund loan in the amount of \$240,334.00 till grant is completed and reimbursed.

Strategic Guide:

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Background:

Over the past 25 years, Alachua County has acted as a Host County for the annual FDEP Cooperative Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in several neighboring counties. The current agreement includes collection events in Lafayette, Gilchrist, Columbia, Dixie, Baker, Union, Nassau, Putnam and Bradford. The County has separate interlocal agreements with each neighboring county and these agreements are in effect until FDEP discontinues the appropriation of funding or are terminated by the host or neighboring county.

The FDEP agreement is cost reimbursable and for this year the maximum reimbursement from FDEP

to Alachua County for collection events is \$101,000. The interlocal agreements require the neighboring counties to reimburse Alachua County for all expenses incurred that are not covered by FDEP as part of a cost share agreement. This year those expenses are estimated to be \$40,334. Additionally, Alachua County will receive \$90,000 from FDEP for acting as the host local government to use for our own programs operational/disposal costs and/or capital equipment purchases (\$10,000 per County).

Labor, advertisement and disposal costs for the collection events are initially covered by Alachua County. Upon completion of each event, all costs are reimbursed by FDEP and the neighboring counties. An interfund loan in the amount of \$240,334 is requested in order to conduct these Hazardous Waste Collection events.