



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**MOU with Urban Sustainability Director's Network for Grant Opportunity for Climate Action Plan Community Engagement**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Alachua County has been selected, in collaboration with Grace to Overcome (a local non-profit and participant in the Santa Fe College CIED entrepreneur incubator program) for a grant totaling \$14,865 designed to improve our community engagement around the upcoming Climate Action Plan. This grant would allow the use of videography to collect the stories of local residents related to their expectations, challenges, and hopes surrounding climate change. These videos would be made available in time for the Alachua County Climate Summit in November 2024.

**Recommended Action:**

Chair to sign Memorandum of Understanding

**Prior Board Motions:**

Approval for the commission of a Climate Vulnerability Assessment

Approval for the creation of a Climate Action Plan

**Fiscal Note:**

Grant allocation is for \$14,865 funded by the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) being paid directly to Grace to Overcome; county staff will oversee this project.

**Strategic Guide:**

Environment

**Background:**

Alachua County issued a new Community Engagement policy (Procedure No. AP-32, Effective 8/21/23) which allows the County work directly with local stakeholders, including 501c3 nonprofits, in the development of project initiatives. Under this policy, the Sustainability Division has been working in partnership with the Environmental Protection Department to extend our current outreach regarding the first ever Climate Action Plan draft, scheduled for larger public release at the Alachua County Climate Summit in November 2024. Prior work in this area has been work with local nonprofit partners to do outreach to their respective communities in the form of surveys. These same partners have indicated their support for the grant application, and will be working to identify participants who are willing to do the interviews.