



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2024-949

**Agenda Date:** December 16, 2024

**Department:** Office of the City Manager

**Title:** 2024-949 Joint Surtax Project Grant Application (B)

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**Description:** Discuss the project grant applications for the Infrastructure Surtax (Wild Spaces & Public Places and Streets, Stations & Strong Foundations).

**Fiscal Note:** This item involves \$6,666,666 in Infrastructure Grant Funding from Alachua County to the City of Gainesville.

**Explanation:** With the new County-wide Infrastructure Surtax that went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners made available grant funding to the City of Gainesville.

The grant funding is broken down as follows:

1. Infrastructure (Streets, Stations & Strong Foundations):
  - a. \$3,000,000 City of Gainesville Grant
  - b. \$ 333,333 County-wide municipal grant.
2. Wild Spaces & Public Places:
  - a. \$3,000,000 City of Gainesville Grant
  - b. \$ 333,333 County-wide municipal grant.

The City is proposing the following projects and project amounts:

Infrastructure (Streets, Stations & Strong Foundations):

1. N.E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction - \$ 2,333,333  
Total Project Cost Estimate - \$5,200,000.
2. Southwest Public Safety Center - \$ 1,000,000  
Total Project Cost Estimate - \$28,000,000.

Wild Spaces & Public Places:

1. Thelma Boltin Center Renovations - \$ 1,500,000
2. Citizen's Field Renovations - \$ 1,000,000
3. Sweetwater Branch Park Improvements - \$ 500,000
4. N.E. 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Trail from N.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street to Waldo Road - \$ 333,333

**Strategic Connection:**

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** The Joint City/County Commission 1) discuss the proposed Infrastructure projects and 2) request the County to approve the grant applications for six projects.