



Agenda Item Summary

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Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places and Infrastructure Project with the City of Hawthorne

Presenter:

Gina Peebles – Assistant County Manager – Chief of Staff
Robert Thompson – Hawthorne City Manager

Description:

Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places and Infrastructure Project with the City of Hawthorne, using the Wild Spaces Public Places allocation.

Recommended Action:

Approve the City of Hawthorne’s application for Municipal Partnership Program WSPP surtax grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$333,333.00 for the design and construction of a gymnasium; find that the project constitutes an eligible use of WSPP surtax funding; find that the project has “countywide significance,”; and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign to the attached partnership agreement.

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:

Not to exceed \$333,333 from the Wild Spaces Public Places portion of the interlocal allocation. Fund 140.00.0000.572.81.44 Aid to Government Agencies Hawthorne.

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

Section 5 of Ordinance 22-08 establishes “Alachua County’s Non-Recurring Municipal Partnership Program” to be allocated among the County’s nine municipalities, which sets aside \$3 million of the

County's infrastructure surtax proceeds for joint WSPP Projects and another \$3M for Other Infrastructure Projects. The grant programs require matching funds from the municipal applicants and all grant funding is payable by the County on a reimbursement basis after the project has been completed. On May 23, 2023, the Board directed that each \$3M pool of Grant Funding be allocated equally between all nine municipalities (*i.e.*, \$333,333.00 per municipality per grant program).

The City of Hawthorne submitted an application for grant funding for the design and construction of a 15,000-20,000 square foot multipurpose public gymnasium located at 6000 SW 205th St., Hawthorne, in an amount not to exceed \$333,333.00. 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."

NOTE: Some of the words on the application were cut off when printing and displaying. The document called Hawthorne Information Update is the full version of the information provided.