



Agenda Item Summary

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2025 Update to Small Farmer Grant Methodology

Presenter:

Sean McLendon, Economic Development Manager

Description:

Approve updated methodology and direct staff to solicit new applications in 2025

Recommended Action:

Approve the 2025 Small Famer Grant Methodology and authorize the County Manager to advertise and solicit grant applications.

Prior Board Motions:

At the Board's November 14, 2023 regular meeting Commissioner Prizzia moved to accept staff recommendations with the following amendments: 1. Incentivize the farm plan with 5 points to be submitted without taking the class but incentivize the class with a follow up. 2. Reduce the timeline on the process to 3 months from the current 6 months. 2nd Commissioner Cornell. The motion carried 5-0. Approve updated methodology and direct staff to solicit new applications in 2024.

Fiscal Note:

There is a balance of \$7,116.97 from the original grant allocation of Revenue Recovery Funds which will be expended first. The FY25 budget also includes \$100,000 from general fund sources to support small farmer grants in FY2025.

General Fund: 001.45.4501.552.82.53 account description: aid to private organizations private development

Revenue Recovery – ARPA: 052.17.1770.552.82.53: ARP2021x018 Small Producer Ag Capital Support Grants

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The agenda item brings back amendments to the methodology and scoring criteria.