

Agenda Item Name:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection FY26 Household Hazardous Waste Co-op Grant No. HHW 601

Presenter:

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Item 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 FY26 Household Hazardous Waste Co-op Grant No. HHW 601 and interfund loan of \$276,500.00

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 Consideration:

FDEP funding for this reimbursement grant is available for FY26. Future years funding is dependent on annual appropriation by the State of Florida. The total reimbursable costs from FDEP are estimated to be \$102,494 and \$84,006 from the partner counties. Additionally, the County will receive \$90,000 from FDEP for conducting the collection events to enhance Alachua County's HHW program by reimbursing our own operational/disposal costs or for capital equipment purchases. The Department is requesting an interfund loan in the amount of \$276,500.00 based on an average of the past 3 fiscal years of revenue.

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 \$102,494. 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 \$84,006.00. Additionally, Alachua County will receive \$90,000 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 \$276,500 based on an average of the past 3 fiscal years of revenue and is requested in order to conduct these Hazardous Waste Collection events.