



Agenda Item Summary

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City of Gainesville Infrastructure Surtax Joint Project Application and Agreement for the NE 31 Ave Trail

Presenter:

Gina Peebles – Assistant County Manager – Chief of Staff
Betsy Waite – City of Gainesville

Description:

City of Gainesville Infrastructure Surtax Joint Project Application and Agreement for the NE 31 Ave Trail

Recommended Action:

Pursuant to Ordinance 2022-08, approve the attached Surtax Grant Application submitted by the City of Gainesville, and authorize the Alachua County Chair and Clerk to execute the grant agreement attached to this agenda item.

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

Dec. 16, 2024 - Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the presentation as follow:

\$3M County Partnership Funding – Divided between the 9 municipalities (\$333,333 for the City of Gainesville for this round of WSPP).

Proposed Project: - NE 31st Avenue Trail (NE 15th Street to NE Waldo Road), \$333,333

\$3M County Partnership Funding – Dedicated to the City of Gainesville. Proposed projects: - Thelma A. Boltin Center, \$1,500,000 - 8th and Waldo, \$1,000,000 - Sweetwater Wetlands Park Visitor's Center, \$500,000

Fiscal Note:

BoCC match will not exceed the City of Gainesville's allocated \$333,333.00 in joint Wild Spaces Public Places partnership project funding. 140.00.0000.572.81.41 (aid to government agencies)

Strategic Guide:
Infrastructure

Background:

The City of Gainesville has submitted the attached application dated 09-07-2023 to the County requesting the award of \$333,333.00 WSPP surtax grant funding pursuant to the County's Non-Recurring Municipal Partnership Program established by Ordinance 2022-08. The grant program provides up to \$3,333,333 in WSPP Grant Funding and up to \$3,333,333 in Other Infrastructure Grant funding to the City of Gainesville. The program requires matching funds from the municipality and is paid on a cost reimbursement basis. 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."

This project is for the construction for an 8-10' wide paved asphalt trail that spans approximately .85 miles along the north side of NE 31st Avenue.