

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR WILD SPACES PUBLIC PLACES AND INFRASTRUCTURE; ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING PROPOSED ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION AMONGST ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA CITIES; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2016, Alachua County, Florida voters approved “Wild Spaces Public Places,” an eight -year, one-percent sales tax to be collected in the County to acquire and improve conservation lands and create, improve, and maintain parks and recreational facilities, and for infrastructure, within the County;

**WHEREAS**, Alachua County, Florida placed a referendum on the ballot for November 8, 2022 whereby a one-percent sales tax was to be imposed, if passed, for the purpose of funding Wild Spaces Public Places and infrastructure starting on January 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the ballot initiative was passed by a majority of voters in the November 8, 2022 election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alachua County Commission has proposed \$3 million in grant funds to the City of Gainesville, Florida and an additional \$3 million collectively to all nine (9) Alachua County Cities;

**WHEREAS**, \$3 million in grant funds has been proposed separately to the City of Gainesville by the Alachua County Commission;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed distribution is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Hawthorne, Florida; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Hawthorne, Florida as follows:

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true.

**Section 2.** The City hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and distribution of Wild Spaces Public Places grant funds as approved, Option 4 as described below:

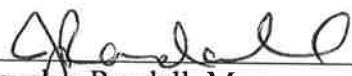
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
City of Alachua	\$333,333
City of Archer	\$333,333
City of Gainesville	\$333,333
City of Hawthorne	\$333,333
City of High Springs	\$333,333
Town of La Crosse	\$333,333
Town of Micanopy	\$333,333
City of Newberry	\$333,333
City of Waldo	\$333,333

**Section 3.** The City finds that participation in the receipt of Wild Spaces Public Places grant funds would be in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

**Section 4.** The Mayor and the City manager, as attesting witness, are hereby authorized to execute any formal agreement implementing or supporting a unified plan for the allocation and distribution of any Wild Spaces Public Places grant monies and all other necessary and customary documents in furtherance thereof on behalf of the City.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Hawthorne, Florida at a regular meeting on this 21 day of February, 2023

  
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Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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John Martin, City Manager