

August 22, 2016 BoCC Quarterly Joint Alachua County City of Gainesville Special Meeting 3PM
 Agenda Item #4

Title

Wild Spaces Public Places Distribution Formula and Competitive Grants to Municipalities

Amount

3,000,000

Description

Discussion on the City of Gainesville's request for County support of City projects (totaling \$3 million) and their ability to compete for the County's proposed competitive grant process, both funded through the Nov. 8 Wild Spaces Public Places ballot initiative.

Recommendation

Utilize the State default formula and direct staff to develop a competitive \$3 million grant process from the County's allocation for municipalities, of which the City of Gainesville would be eligible.

Alternative(s)

Approve the City of Gainesville's request for \$3 million and the ability to compete for additional funds through the competitive grant process.

Requested By

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Originating Department

County Manager's Office

Attachment(s) Description

City of Gainesville Letter 071316; Ballot Initiative Default vs. 2008 Formula; Approved County List

Documents Requiring Action

N/A

Executive Summary

If the Nov. 8 renewal of the Wild Spaces Public Places ballot initiative passes, in excess of \$16 million is anticipated to be generated per year for eight years, County-wide. The purpose of the initiative is to acquire and improve environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality, and wildlife habitat, and; to create, improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in all cities and the County, with citizen oversight and independent audit, by the levy of a one-half percent sales tax starting Jan. 1, 2017.

Background

The Board of County Commissioners agreed with the recommendation of their appointed task force to use the State formula, which is population based, unless a separate split is negotiated under an Interlocal Agreement. Alachua County is expected to receive \$9.3 million per year (\$74 million over eight years) and the City of Gainesville is expected to receive \$5.8 million per year (\$46 million over eight years). At the City of Archer and Hawthorne joint meetings, the Board discussed a desire to implement a competitive grant process for municipalities to apply for County bond funding. A DRAFT grant application has been shared with Legal and Contracts for review.

Issues

The City of Gainesville is requesting both a dedicated allocation and the ability to apply for additional County's bond funding through the proposed competitive grant process.

Fiscal Recommendation

Depending on the direction of the Commission, up to \$6 million of the County's Wild Spaces Public Places allocation (\$3 million dedicated to the City of Gainesville for joint projects of mutual interest and an additional \$3 million for competitive grants available to all municipalities.)

Fiscal Alternative(s)

N/A

Funding Sources

Wild Spaces Public Places Ballot Initiative

Account Code(s)

TBD

Attachment: Approved County List.pdf

Attachment: Ballot Initiative Default vs 2008 Formula.pdf

Attachment: City of Gainesville Letter 071316.pdf

Ballot Initiative - Approved Alachua County Projects

\$3 million allocation for municipal partnership projects	Acquisition / Infrastructure
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Newberry to High Springs Trail	Acquisition / Infrastructure
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Cellon Oak	Infrastructure
Copeland Park	Infrastructure
Cynthia Moore/Chestnut Park and Clark Bulter Nature Preserve	Infrastructure
Earl P. Powers Park	Infrastructure
Grove Park	Infrastructure
High Springs Boat Ramp	Infrastructure
Holden Pond	Infrastructure
Jonesville Park	Infrastructure
Veterans Memorial Park	Infrastructure
Kanapaha Lake (undeveloped)	Infrastructure
Lake Alto	Infrastructure
Lochloosa	Infrastructure
McCall (undeveloped)	Infrastructure
Melrose Boat Ramp	Infrastructure
M. K. Rawlings	Infrastructure
Monteocha	Infrastructure
Owens-Illinois	Infrastructure
Poe Springs	Infrastructure
Santa Fe Lake	Infrastructure
Squirrel Ridge	Infrastructure
Watermelon Pond	Infrastructure

Conservation Land	Acquisition
Conservation Land	Infrastructure

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Municipality	State Default Formula (Annual Estimate)	State Default Formula (8 Year Estimate)	2008 WSPP Formula	If 2008 WSPP Formula was used	8-year Total Difference (State- 2008)	2008 WSPP Actuals
Alachua County	\$ 9,305,570.50	\$ 74,444,564.00	51.7549%	\$ 67,385,811.39	\$ (7,058,752.61)	\$ 16,854,127.00
City of Alachua	\$ 441,953.00	\$ 3,535,624.00	2.8480%	\$ 3,708,147.26	\$ 172,523.26	\$ 889,093.00
City of Archer	\$ 53,012.00	\$ 424,096.00	0.4457%	\$ 580,309.42	\$ 156,213.42	\$ 126,627.00
City of Gainesville	\$ 5,818,544.00	\$ 46,548,352.00	40.3860%	\$ 52,583,298.95	\$ 6,034,946.95	\$ 13,115,231.00
City of Hawthorne	\$ 63,222.50	\$ 505,780.00	0.5080%	\$ 661,425.14	\$ 155,645.14	\$ 158,220.00
City of High Springs	\$ 257,973.00	\$ 2,063,784.00	1.7185%	\$ 2,237,517.93	\$ 173,733.93	\$ 535,238.00
Town of Lacrosse	\$ 17,391.00	\$ 139,128.00	0.0707%	\$ 92,052.67	\$ (47,075.33)	\$ 22,098.00
Town of Micanopy	\$ 27,695.00	\$ 221,560.00	0.2310%	\$ 300,766.16	\$ 79,206.16	\$ 71,946.00
City of Newberry	\$ 245,431.00	\$ 1,963,448.00	1.7359%	\$ 2,260,173.05	\$ 296,725.05	\$ 540,658.00
City of Waldo	\$ 44,433.00	\$ 355,464.00	0.3013%	\$ 392,298.02	\$ 36,834.02	\$ 86,206.00
	\$ 16,275,225.00	\$ 130,201,800.00	100.0000%	\$ 130,201,800.00	\$ (0.00)	\$ 32,399,444.00