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A Resolution by the City of Gainesville to Enter into an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry (B)

Explanation

The City of Gainesville received notice of funding availability for recovery related projects from the 2004 hurricane season through an Urban Community Forestry grant from the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry. The Recreation and Parks Department requests permission to submit a grant application on behalf of the City of Gainesville for \$75,000. These funds will be utilized to hire a contract tree crew for 48 weeks to perform hazardous tree removal, which will allow the skilled in-house tree crew to accomplish structural tree pruning on City rights-of-way to make the trees better able to withstand storm conditions.

.Fiscal Note

The grant requires a \$25,000 cash or in-kind services match. The department will match the grant with \$25,000 of contractual funds, which are already included in the Recreation and Parks Department Parks Division budget.

Recommendation

The City Commission approve the resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager, or designee, to enter into an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the City of Gainesville, with the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry