

**ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES  
FY 2009-2010 SPECIAL PROJECT/ACTIVITY BUDGET REQUEST**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: GEZDA**

Project Priority Funding Request No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

*FY 2009 Proposed Project*

**Project Title**

1. **Administration of Enterprise Zone Activities** – ED staff will administer Enterprise Zone Incentives, attend First Step meetings associated with Enterprise Zone businesses/residents and attempt to provide opportunities for public education on the Enterprise Zone program.
2. **Promotion of Youth Entrepreneurship** – Staff will continue to support Riechert House in its attempt to teach entrepreneurial skills to youth in the program.
3. **Review the efficiency/effectiveness of Enterprise Zone Incentives** – Economic Development staff will continue to review the effectiveness of local and State of Florida incentives available under the Enterprise Zone Program.
4. **Promoting Entrepreneurial Culture** – Staff will continue to work with GEZDA and other partners to build community-wide entrepreneurial capacity to promote business development in the Enterprise Zone.

***Summary Description of Project***

No Special Project/Activity funding is requested. Funding for workplan projects will be derived from the FY 2008 and FY 2009 Economic Development Division budget.

***Expected Benefits:***



*City of Gainesville*  
*Advisory Board/Committee Workplan*

*Board/Committee Name: «BoardName»*

***FY 2008 WORKPLAN PROJECTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

**Project Title**

**Status**

1. **Administration of Enterprise Zone Incentive Program** – The Enterprise Zone program resulted in the administration of incentives to a wide variety of residents and businesses located within the Enterprise Zone. Incentive numbers will be published in the FY 2008 Enterprise Zone Annual Report at the conclusion of the Fiscal year.
2. **Attendance at First Step** – ED staff, acting in the implementation interests of the Enterprise Zone program, routinely attend First Step meetings associated with the development/redevelopment of Enterprise Zone businesses.
3. **Promotion of Youth Entrepreneurship** – ED staff is supporting the Riechert House in its attempt to teach entrepreneurial skills to youth in the program. ED staff, in partnership with the Florida Council on Economic Education, and SIFE, (a University of Florida business student organization), got a team of Riechert House students involved in a Stock Market simulation. ED staff continues to assist Reichert House staff to create a sustainable entrepreneurship program based on the Pilot program launched in 2007.
4. **Business Recognition Program** – GEZDA will be the overseeing body for Economic Development Division’s Business Recognition Program. GEZDA members will help promote the program and evaluate applications from local businesses to select a recipient.
5. **Business Services Inventory** – At the direction of GEZDA, ED staff will conduct an inventory of existing business development resources and networks available to entrepreneurs and business owners located within the Enterprise Zone. The inventory should be complete before the end of the fiscal year.

***OUTSTANDING REFERRALS (as of December 1, 2007)***

**Date of Referral**

**Referral Description**

**Status**

None

