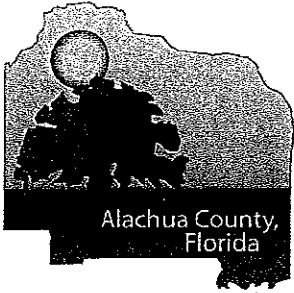
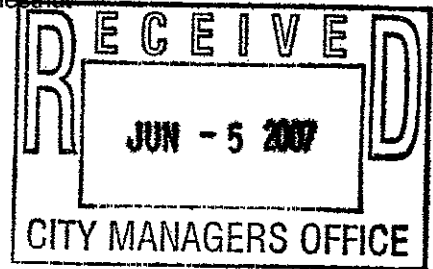


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Russ Blackburn, *City Manager*
Gainesville City Commission
P.O. Box 490; Station 6
Gainesville, FL 32602

RE: Request for Support for the Alachua County Fairgrounds – Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Grant

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

Alachua County is developing a new Fairgrounds that will provide vital event facilities and benefit the County and the municipalities. Specifically, the project is the construction of a new Alachua County Fairgrounds located on a 100 acre parcel of land in the northeast corner of Waldo Road (SR 24) and NE 63rd Avenue.

Since Alachua County is dedicated to serving the needs of its residents in the development of a new state-of-the-art fairground, we are applying to the State of Florida for the Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Grant. We have an excellent opportunity to receive this grant and we need your support. We are asking the governing bodies of the various municipalities to adopt a resolution in support of the new Fairgrounds and its grant application, which you will find enclosed. To demonstrate support for this project, we are asking that you please place this resolution on the agenda for your next commission or council meeting. Once the resolution of support is adopted, please return the adopted resolution to the County Manager's Office in the enclosed postage paid envelope for inclusion in our grant application submittal package.

If you should have any questions concerning the grant application or the new Fairgrounds, please contact Laura Kane in the County Manager's Office at (352) 264-6986 (lkane@alachuacounty.us). We are also available to meet with you or provide a presentation to the members of your governing body.

You can obtain more information about the Fairgrounds project by visiting our website at www.AlachuaCounty.us/Fairgrounds. We look forward to your assistance in Alachua County's effort to lay the foundation for what will be an instrumental enhancement to our community.

In Public Service,

Randall H. Reid, *County Manager*

cc: Board of County Commissioners
David Wagner, *County Attorney*
Mark J. Hill, *Assistant County Manager*
Rick Mills, *Legislative Affairs Director*