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Request For City Commission Contingency Funds Outside Entity

Name of Individual Requesting Funds: James Gallagher

Address: PO Box 1586; Gainesville, FL 32602

Date of Request: 01/29/07


Telephone: 352-494-5336

Name of Organization Requesting Funds	Gainesville Regional Airshow Consortium
Amount Requested (not to exceed \$10,000)	\$10,000
Expected Date of Expenditure of Funds	April 14-15, 2007
Public Purpose (use of funds must classify as a public purpose - please explain)	Support the Heart of Florida Airshow which will make charitable contributions of earnings to The Gainesville Community Foundation and the March of Dimes.

Category of Request: (please check one and provide name of event, program, etc and explanation)	
Special Event (include name and date of event)	Heart of Florida Airshow April 14-15, 2007
Special Project or Pilot Program (include name and explanation of program)	
Grant Match (include name of grant, grant agency and % of matching funds needed)	
Capital Donation for Non-profit organization (include name of organization & description of capital improvement)	
Co-Sponsorship of fund-raising event (include name & date of event)	
Other (please explain)	

City Manager has reviewed and accepted this request for inclusion on City Commission Agenda for meeting of 2/26/07

Date

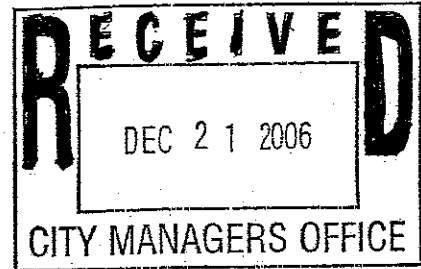

City Manager Signature

Date

1-30-07



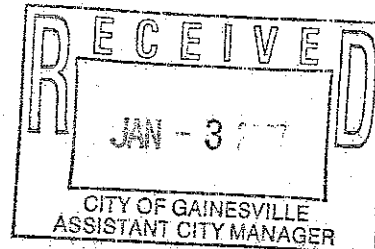
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December 15, 2006

Russ Blackburn
City Manager
City Hall, Station 6
PO Box 490
Gainesville, FL 32602-0490

RE: Heart of Florida Airshow, April 14th-15th, 2007



Dear Mr. Blackburn:

Thank you for the opportunity for Mr. Hughes and myself to visit with you yesterday and discuss the upcoming Heart of Florida Airshow at the Gainesville Regional Airport on the dates noted above. This is an outstanding event for the city and brings excellent family fun and entertainment for all ages. Additionally, it is a high profile event for both the city and the airport itself.

Any profits derived from the airshow are intended for the Gainesville Community Foundation. Last year we contributed approximately \$25,000 to a number of local charities. Because of the anticipated 20,000 -- 25,000 visitors to the airshow, we require security and have been working closely with the Gainesville Police Department. GPD also supplied security for the inaugural airshow in September of 2005.

We request that the City of Gainesville become a sponsor of the 2007 event and, in addition to cash that you may contribute, waive administrative fees for city services. We ask that the Gainesville City Commission provide \$10,000 in cash to offset the expenses incurred in producing such an event for the community. These include control lines, fencing, utilities, clean-up, tents, and water supplies. Also, we are requesting that there be an offset of the security expenses incurred with the utilization of the Gainesville Police Department, again to the amount of \$10,000.

Since the Heart of Florida Airshow will be coming a yearly or every other year event, we will follow your suggestions to make a request that the city funds to support the airshow be considered for inclusion in the annual budget. We will be sure to make that prior to the next cycle. Thank you again for your help and consideration. We look forward to being able to host you at this year's airshow.

Sincerely,

J. James Gallagher
Chairman
Heart of Florida Airshow