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Florida Recreation Development Assistant Program Grant Application for Possum Creek Park Development (B)

This item requests the City Commission to authorize staff to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Recreation Development Program for the development of recreational amenities at Possum Creek Park.

The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) offers funding to local governments for the following categories: 1) development or acquisition of lands for public outdoor recreational purposes; and 2) construction or renovation of public recreational trails. The maximum grant funds an applicant may request is \$200,000 with grant match ratios based on the grant cap of \$200,000 as follows: 1) Project cost \$50,000 or less, State share 100%, Grantee share, 0%; 2) Project cost \$50,001 to \$150,000, State share 75%, Grantee share 25%; or 3) Project cost \$150,001 up to \$400,000, State share 50%, Grantee share 50%. Applications must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2006.

Possum Creek Park is located in the 4000 block of NW 53rd Avenue, and has been identified in the City's five-year Capital Improvement Plan as targeted for additional development. FRDAP funding can assist with some of the long-term park development plans. The intent of this grant application is to provide matching funds for the park's development. Elements of the park's development include both active and passive recreation.

This project is estimated to require up to a total of \$400,000. Of that total, a 50% match is required from the City of Gainesville. Funds for the match are available in the City's 2005 CIRB fund.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to: 1) apply to the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Recreation Development Assistant program for up to \$200,000 in grant funds for park amenities at Possum Creek Park, and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute all documents associated with this grant, if awarded, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

The City Commission decline the opportunity to apply for and receive grant funds from the Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program for this project.