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### **FY 2012-2013 Funding Recommendations for the Community Grant Program (B)**

**The City Commission is requested to consider approval of the City's State Housing Initiatives Partnership Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) funding recommendations for allocating the FY 2012-2013 Community Grant Program funds.**

The City Commission developed the Community Grant Program (CGP) and implemented it for the first time in Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The purpose of the CGP is to provide small amounts of funding to non-profit organizations performing community services that advance City goals to support activities that serve a public purpose and improve the quality of life for Gainesville residents. The City Commission has indicated a desire to allocate \$125,000 per year for the Community Grant Program, with ten percent set aside for program administration. The maximum grant award is \$2,500 per eligible non-profit organization. The City Commission has developed and adopted guidelines describing eligible organizations, reimbursable activities, and program requirements and procedures. The Commission desired to keep the Community Grant Program application process simple for both the applicants and staff. The Commission also indicated a desire to fund as many eligible programs as possible within the approved program budget.

As required by the Community Grant Program guidelines, the City's AHAC reviewed the applications and made funding recommendations at its May 1, 2012 public meeting. The total allocation available to fund agency programs and services is anticipated to be \$112,500. The City received forty-four (44) agency funding requests totaling \$106,635. Because the AHAC determined that all the applicant agencies met the program's funding criteria, the AHAC recommended funding each agency in the amount requested. The AHAC funding recommendations for each agency for the FY 2012-2013 Community Grant Program are attached for reference.

The City Commission is expected to allocate \$125,000 for the Community Grant Program, with \$112,500 available for program awards and a 10% set aside for program administration.

The City Commission: 1) consider approval of the AHAC's funding recommendations for the Community Grant Program; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the funding agreements and other related documents with the approved agencies to disburse the grant funds, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.