

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	October 16, 2012	[X] Consent	[] Regular
		[] Ordinance	[] Public Hearing

Department:	Department of Economic Sustainability
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF


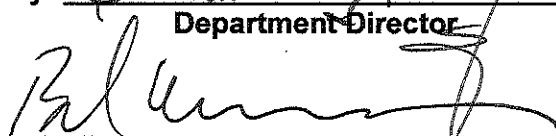
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: **A) Authorize** the Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) to submit a Request for Proposals under the FY 13 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant for the receipt of \$1,000,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); **B) Authorize** DES to establish and manage the Palm Beach County Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program to finance Brownfields cleanup for redevelopment countywide, if approved; and **C) Authorize** the County Administrator or his designee to execute all required documents in order to apply for and receive these grant funds and in order to implement the Palm Beach County Brownfields RLF Program, if approved.

Summary: EPA's acceptance of the County's proposal will enable the implementation of the Palm Beach County Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program by providing loan financing to business/property owners to carry out cleanup activities at Brownfields sites countywide. The Program will work to remove economic, environmental and social barriers to make sustainable and equitable Brownfields cleanup and reuse of the highest priority. DES will be responsible for determining loan applicant eligibility, credit quality, preparing the loan documentation and servicing all loans. The loan recipient will be responsible for the environmental reviews and site assessments which are prepared for properties that identify potential or existing environmental contamination. Policies for implementing the Program will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval at a later date. EPA requires a 20% cost share as a condition for the use of their grant funds which will be met through the use of other funds such as the Section 108 Loan Program. EPA allows up to ten percent (10%) of the grant to be used for programmatic costs for managing the RLF. **These are Federal grant funds that require a 20% cost share which will be met from non-ad valorem sources.** (DES Administration) Countywide (DW)

Background and Justification: A Brownfield is defined as: real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. The 2002 Brownfields Law further defines the term to include a site that is: contaminated by a controlled substance; contaminated by petroleum or a petroleum product excluded from the definition of hazardous substance; or mine-scarred land. This RLF will complement existing opportunities made available through the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This project activity aligns itself with the Regional Planning Councils of Southeast Florida under the Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative and the Glades Region Master Plan funded through the partnership of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Transportation and EPA under the Community Challenge Planning Grant.

Attachments:

None

Recommended By:		<u>9/27/2012</u>
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:		<u>10/11/12</u>
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
Budget Account No.:

Fund _____ Dept _____ Unit _____ Object _____ Program Code/Period _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Source of funding will be US EPA RLF Program funds. The budget will be amended to recognize the \$1,000,000 in Federal funds should the grant be awarded.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: Shyn 9-27-12
Shairette Major, Fiscal Manager I

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

John H. H. 10/1/12
OFMB
JB 10/1/12
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10/1/12

Dr. J. J. J. 10/9/12
Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

10/9/12
Senior Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director