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PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS <u>AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY</u>

Department: Department of Economic Sustainability	Meeting Date:	November 3, 2015	[] Consent [] Ordinance	[X] Regular [] Public Hearing		
	Department:	Department of Economic Sustainability				

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution authorizing the Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) to utilize the State of Florida's Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refund Incentive Program to support the growth and expansion of businesses in designated Brownfield areas within the County.

Summary: The Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refund (Program) is available to encourage redevelopment and job creation within designated Brownfield areas. An eligible and approved business may receive a tax refund equal to 20% of the average annual wage of the new jobs created in a designated Brownfield area up to a maximum of \$2,500 per new job created in a qualified area.

The Program is a partnership between the State and local community of which 20% of the award comes from the local city or county government, unless a waiver of the match is requested. If a local community elects to be exempt from the local match requirement, the business is only eligible for 80% of the refund for which they would otherwise qualify, or a maximum of \$2,000 per each new job. To qualify, a business must locate within a Brownfield area eligible for bonus refunds and be certified as a Qualified Target Industry business, or be a business that can demonstrate a fixed capital investment of at least \$2 Million in mixed-use business activities, create at least ten (10) new permanent Florida fulltime jobs with benefits, and demonstrate that the project will diversify and strengthen the economy of the area surrounding the site. The local match requirement can consist of direct payments, Ad Valorem tax abatement or the appraised market value of municipal or county land conveyed or provided at a discount to the qualified business. This Program will serve as an additional economic development incentive program to assist new or expanding businesses. Staff will provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on a case by case basis similar to the Ad Valorem Economic Development Programs. (DES Administration) Countywide (JB)

Background and Justification: Refunds are based upon taxes paid by the business, including corporate income, sales, ad valorem, intangible personal property, insurance premium and certain other taxes. No more than 25% of the total refund approved may be paid in any single fiscal year. All Brownfield Bonus projects include a performance-based contract with the State of Florida, which outlines specific milestones that must be achieved and verified by the State prior to payment of refunds.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

2. Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Refund Fact Sheet

Recommended By:	Sum Howard	10-7-15
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:	nn R.	10-15-15
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Α. **Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Β. Legal Sufficiency:

10/15/15 Assistant County Attorney

C. **Other Department Review:**

Department Director

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY (DES) TO UTILIZE THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH AND EXPANSION OF BUSINESSES IN DESIGNATED BROWNFIELD AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND INCENTIVE authorized by Section 288.107 of Florida Statutes, administered through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), provides financial incentives to qualified businesses with up to \$2,500 per new job created in a designated Brownfield area or site; and

WHEREAS, the qualified business has demonstrated the required fixed capital investment, will create at least ten (10) new permanent jobs and can demonstrate it will diversify and strengthen the economy of the area surrounding the site; and

WHEREAS, the State determines whether a business is qualified to receive a BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND INCENTIVE, with the State's proportion of the \$2,500 maximum bonus being 80%; and

WHEREAS, the BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND INCENTIVE provided by the local municipal jurisdiction and/or Palm Beach County is 20% of the \$2,500 maximum bonus refund incentive, it is NOT mandatory, and is determined on a case-by-case basis; and

WHEREAS, the BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND INCENTIVE local match consists of direct payments, ad valorem tax abatement, the appraised market value of a municipal or county land conveyed or provided at a discount to the qualified business; and

WHEREAS, if the BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND INCENTIVE is recommended by the DES to be provided by Palm Beach County, then DES will submit a request to the Board of County Commissioners based on the policy criteria referenced above; and

WHEREAS, the BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND INCENTIVE is utilized to motivate businesses by providing funding assistance, to either relocate to or establish a facility in Palm Beach County or to help an existing local business with an expansion project which will result in the creation of full-time jobs in Palm Beach County, increase the County's tax base, and strengthen and diversify the County's local economy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes DES to utilize the State of Florida's BROWNFILED REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND INCENTIVE Program to support the growth and expansion of businesses in designated Brownfield areas within the County.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing	Resolution	was offered	by Commissione	r,	who moved its
adoption. The	motion was	seconded by	Commissioner	, 8	and being put to
vote, the vote v	vas as follow	/S:			0,

Commissioner Shelley Vana, Mayor Commissioner Mary Lou Berger, Vice Mayor Commissioner Hal R. Valeche Commissioner Paulette Burdick Commissioner Steven L. Abrams Commissioner Melissa McKinlay Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK CLERK & COMPTROLLER

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Assistant County Attorney

By:_____ Deputy Clerk