

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 14, 2018

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Regular

Public Hearing

Department: County Administration

Submitted By: County Administration

Submitted For: Office of Community Revitalization

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) approve the following agreements to implement various community improvement projects and initiatives through the Office of Community Revitalization’s (OCR) Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program for a total of \$134,500:

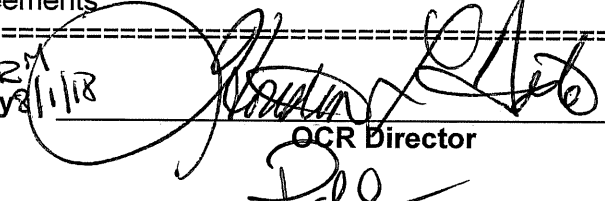
1. an Agreement with Cabana Colony Residents League, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$51,200 for an outdoor lighting project (\$10,000); a neighborhood outreach and events project (\$9,300); a mailbox with address numbers project (\$10,000); a website, newsletter and application fees for IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status project (\$7,500); a neighborhood beautification and emergency preparedness project (\$4,600); and an identical trash cans project (\$9,800);
2. an Agreement with Limestone Creek Advocates, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,500 to purchase items for a safety and emergency preparedness initiative;
3. an Agreement with Summer Warren in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,900 to repair a community entrance sign;
4. an Agreement with Jupiter Farms Community Emergency Response Team, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$6,500 to purchase items for an emergency preparedness outreach project;
5. an Agreement with Jupiter Farms Residents Association, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,200 to purchase items for an Neighborhood Outreach project;
6. an Agreement with Robert King in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,800 to purchase items for a community cleanup project;
7. an Agreement with Community Faith Outreach Ministries, Incorporated in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community beautification and outreach project;
8. an Agreement with Lantana Homes Homeowners Association, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community sign and fitness equipment;
9. an Agreement with Casa Del Monte MHP, LLC in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community address sign project;
10. an Agreement with Community Land Trust of Palm Beach County, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community recreation project;
11. an Agreement with The Guatemalan-Maya Center, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,900 to purchase items for a youth science project (\$3,600) and a cultural identity project (\$4,300);
12. an Agreement with Floral Park Property Owners’ Association in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,500 to purchase items for a community beautification project; and

B) delegate authority to the County Administrator or designee to approve minor changes to the scope of work that do not increase the awarded grant funding.

Summary: The Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program was established by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on March 13, 2018 to continue to provide funding for eligible neighborhood improvement projects and initiatives proposed in neighborhoods located within unincorporated Palm Beach County and the Lake Region municipalities, with funding priority given to Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) neighborhoods. OCR staff and the newly established NEAT Agency Review Committee evaluated the 33 applications received. This agenda item includes 12 Agreements for 18 projects being recommended for funding in an amount totaling \$134,500. The projects will be completed in FY 2019 and include a variety of activities. Staff is requesting BCC approval of the Agreements and related funding. Staff is also requesting that the BCC delegate authority to the County Administrator or designee to approve minor changes to the scope of work which do not increase the total amount of the awarded grant funding. Countywide (DW)

Background and Justification: See Page 3.

- Attachments:
1. Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program – Recommended Projects For Funding
2. Grant Agreements

Recommended by:   
OCR Director

8/1/2018

Date

Approved By:   
Assistant County Administrator

8/2/18

Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Capital Expenditures	\$34,500	\$100,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$34,500	\$100,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0				

Is Item Included in Current Budget?

Does this item include the use of federal funds?

Yes X

No

Yes

No X

Budget Account No:

Fund

Agency

Organization

Object

1401


610

6200/ 6201

8201

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: FY 2018 and FY 2019 funding will be available in the units recognized above.


C. Departmental Fiscal Review:



III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

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

  
OFMB 7/22/18  
24 7/20 58 7/19  
AK 7/28

  
Contract Dev. & Control 8/8/18  
8/7/18

B. Legal Sufficiency

  
Assistant County Attorney 8/9/18

C. Other Department Review

Department Director

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**Background and Justification:** The Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program, f.k.a. the America's Next Top Neighborhood Grant program, provides funding to neighborhood based groups and/or organizations for projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. By offering financial assistance, training, and technical support, the NEAT Grants Program enables residents to develop small collaborative grassroots community projects, and see their ideas through to completion. NEAT Grants are available to residents/projects located within unincorporated Palm Beach County and the Lake Region municipalities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee. Priority funding will be given to projects that are proposed for designated CCRT areas. The NEAT Grants Program provides reimbursable grants of up to \$10,000 per project application to individuals, neighborhood-based groups and/or organizations for projects and initiatives that promote neighborhood improvement, beautification, community identity, community engagement, help reenergize existing organizations and/or create new ones, and develop safe and healthy neighborhoods.

In June of this year, the OCR and NEAT Agency Review Committee evaluated and recommended 30 of the 33 applications that were submitted for the NEAT FY 2018 and FY 2019 funding cycles. Applications submitted from the same organization were consolidated into one agreement. Eighteen projects are recommended for funding in this item, in an amount totaling \$134,500. The projects will be completed in FY 2019 and consist of various activities within the ten eligible categories listed below:

1. Neighborhood Beautification: Cleanup projects, landscape/aesthetic improvement projects, community gardens/benches, exterior painting on clusters of homes.
2. Neighborhood Identification Projects: Community banners, unified address plaques & uniformed address numbers, uniformed mailboxes.
3. Festivals and Special Events: National Night Out, Cultural festivals, Community Day, Community Cares Day.
4. Neighborhood Organizing and Sustainability: Projects promoting neighborhood unification, obtaining 501(c)(3) designation (incorporated groups only), newsletters, and community organizing events related to neighborhood revitalization.
5. Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building: Community bulletin boards, yard signs, newsletters, neighborhood based events and celebrations.
6. Public Safety and Crime Prevention: Crime watch projects and crime prevention events.
7. Community Gardens: Community Gardens, butterfly gardens and community cookbooks.
8. Neighborhood Green Projects: Community tool library, recycling events for electronics, appliances, etc., lake and canal improvements.
9. Emergency Preparedness: Creation of a neighborhood directory and neighborhood preparedness tool kits.
10. Other: Little Free Libraries, minor playground improvements, benches, gazebos, pavilions.

Delegation of authority to the County Administrator or designee for approval of minor changes to scopes of work that don't exceed the awarded grant funding will allow grantees to make minor adjustments to the projects' scope of work, if needed, without the need of BCC approval. BCC approval of the Agreements and delegation of authority is recommended.



**2018 Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program**  
**Recommended Projects For Funding**

District	Category	Organization/Individual	Amount	
1	Neighborhood Beautification/Outreach and Capacity Building	Cabana Colony Residents League, Inc.	\$51,200	1
	Emergency Preparedness/Public Safety	Limestone Creek Advocates, Inc.	\$9,500	2
	Neighborhood Beautification	Summer Warren	\$2,900	3
	Emergency Preparedness	Jupiter Farms Community Emergency Response Team, Inc.	\$6,500	4
	Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building	Jupiter Farms Residents Association, Inc.	\$3,200	5
2	Neighborhood Beautification	Robert King	\$3,800	6
	Neighborhood Beautification/Outreach and Capacity Building	Community Faith Outreach Ministries, Incorporated	\$10,000	7
	Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building	Lantana Homes Homeowners Association, Inc.	\$10,000	8
		Casa Del Monte MHP, LLC	\$10,000	9
3	Other	Community Land Trust of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$10,000	10
	Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building	The Guatemalan-Maya Center, Inc.	\$7,900	11
	Neighborhood Beautification/Outreach and Capacity Building	Floral Park Property Owners' Association	\$9,500	12
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$134,500</b>	

Attachment "1"