

PALM BEACH COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	August 14, 2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 \$111,400:

- 1. an Agreement with Herbert Crawford in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a youth football project;
- 2. an Agreement with City of South Bay in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community outreach project;
- 3. an Agreement with Kings Tutoring & Mentoring Foundation, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a youth football project.
- 4. an Agreement with Nicholas LaRose in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items and procure artist services for a school mural painting project;
- 5. an Agreement with The Glades Initiative, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,000 for a community outreach and resource guide project;
- 6. an Agreement with Harvest Change Agents Restoring Excellence, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,600 to purchase items for a neighborhood clean-up project;
- 7. an Agreement with Bonnie Hodges Leech in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,100 to purchase items for a community food pantry project;
- 8. an Agreement with Memory Trees Corporation in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community beautification project;
- 9. an Agreement with Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community Redevelopment Agency in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community garden project;
- 10. an Agreement with E-Roadmap Corporation in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,700 to purchase items for a community outreach project;
- 11. an Agreement with Paint Your Heart Out Palm Beach County, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community beautification project;
- 12. an Agreement with Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 to purchase items for a community beautification project; and

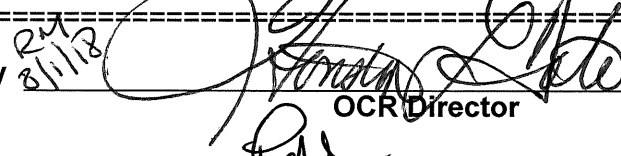
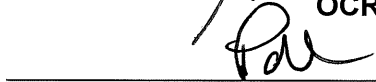
B) delegate authority to the County Administrator or designee to approve minor changes to the scope of work that do not increase the awarded grant funding.

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 12 projects being recommended for funding in an amount totaling \$111,400. 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	8/10/18 Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Capital Expenditures	\$11,400	\$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	\$11,400	\$100,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0				

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No X

Budget Account No:
Fund Agency Organization Object
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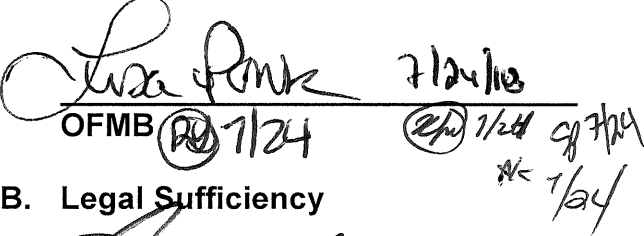
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: FY 2018 and FY 2019 funding will be available in the units recognized above.

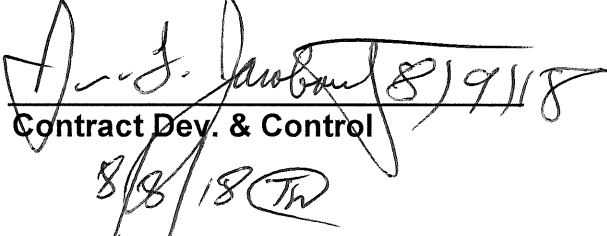
C. Departmental Fiscal Review:



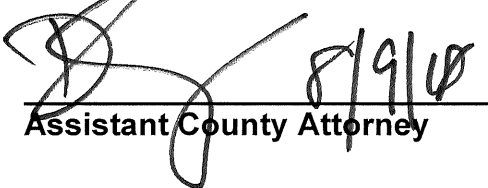
III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

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


OFMB 7/24/18
2/24/18 8/7/18
1/24


Contract Dev. & Control
8/8/18 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency


Assistant County Attorney
8/9/18

C. Other Department Review

Department Director

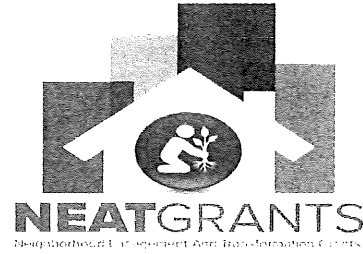
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Background and Justification: The Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program, f.k.a. the America’s Next Top Neighborhood Grant program, provides funding to neighborhood based groups and/or organizations for projects that improve 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. Twelve projects are recommended for funding in this item, in an amount totaling \$111,400. 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	
6	Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building	Herbert Crawford	\$10,000	1
	Festival and Special Events	City of South Bay	\$10,000	2
		Kings Tutoring & Mentoring Foundation, Inc.	\$10,000	3
	Murals	Nicholas LaRose	\$10,000	4
	Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building	The Glades Initiative, Inc.	\$8,000	5
	Neighborhood Beautification	Harvest Change Agents Restoring Excellence, Inc.	\$8,600	6
7	Community Gardens	Bonnie Hodges Leech	\$7,100	7
	Neighborhood Beautification	Memory Trees Corporation	\$10,000	8
2&7	Community Gardens	Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community Redevelopment Agency	\$10,000	9
	Festival and Special Events	E-Roadmap Corporation	\$7,700	10
ALL	Neighborhood Beautification	Paint Your Heart Out Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$10,000	11
		Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$10,000	12
		Total	\$111,400	