

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 22, 2019 [X] Consent [] Regular [] Workshop [] 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 (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 \$150,000:

- 1. an Agreement with Cabana Colony Residents League, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000 for a reflective tag and flashlight project;
2. an Agreement with Paragon Florida, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000 for a memorial garden project;
3. an Agreement with The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida on behalf of Royal Palm Beach Community High School in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 for a little free library project;
4. an Agreement with Syheita Rhoden in an amount not-to-exceed \$16,800 to purchase items for a landscaping project (\$6,800) and a Wall painting project (\$10,000);
5. an Agreement with Community Faith Outreach Ministries, Incorporated in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,800 for a community seed bank project;
6. an Agreement with Larry Diegart in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,500 for a community event project;
7. an Agreement with Nelida Mejia in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,300 for a community playground project;
8. an Agreement with Herbert Crawford in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 for youth football team project;
9. an Agreement with Bettye Lawson in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000 for a landscaping project;
10. an Agreement with Nicholas LaRose in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,500 for a school mural project;
11. an Agreement with Colin Walkes in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 for a bus stop covering project;
12. an Agreement with the City of South Bay in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 for a family movie night project;
13. an Agreement with Kings Tutoring and Mentoring Foundation, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,900 for a Youth football team project (\$10,000) and a mobile meal café project (\$9,900);
14. an Agreement with One Love-One Community Foundation, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,500 for a cultural experience project;
15. an Agreement with Bonnie Hodges Leech in an amount not-to-exceed \$11,200 for a mural project (\$4,700) a food pantry project (\$5,000) and an IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt status project (\$1,500);
16. an Agreement with Paint Your Heart Out Palm Beach County, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,500 for a painting project; and
17. an Agreement with Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 for a home repair project.

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

Summary: The NEAT Grants Program was established by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on March 13, 2018 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. A NEAT Agency Review Committee, comprised of representatives from the Planning, Zoning and Building Department, Engineering, Land Development, Purchasing, Parks and Recreation, Emergency Management, Public Affairs, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and Risk Management, was formed to review the applications and recommend projects for funding. The committee evaluated the 45 applications received and recommended 21 projects for funding in an amount totaling \$150,000. This agenda item includes 17 Agreements for the recommended 21 projects. The projects will be completed in FY 2020 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 (HH)

Background and Justification: See Page 3. Attachments:

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

Recommended by [Signature] OCR Director Date 10/16/19
Approved By: [Signature] Assistant County Administrator Date 10/21/19

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures	\$150,000				
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income(County)					
In-Kind Match(County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$150,000				
#ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

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 Unit Object
 1401 610 6202 8201 NEAT Grants

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: Any remaining or unused Project funds will be transferred back to the account.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *Joe DePari*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Robert Brown 10/17/19
 OFMB DC 10/04 ^{10/17}

Janet R. ... Jacobowitz
 Contract Dev. and Control
 10/17/19 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Debra ... 10-17-19
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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Background and Justification: The Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants 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 for 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 July of this year, the OCR and NEAT Agency Review Committee evaluated and recommended 21 of the 45 applications that were submitted for the NEAT FY 2020 funding cycle. Applications submitted from the same organization were consolidated into one agreement. Twenty one projects are recommended for funding in this agenda item, in an amount totaling \$150,000. The projects will be completed in FY 2020 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 are recommended.