

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 14, 2021 [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 The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,100 for a demonstration garden project;
2. an Agreement with Caleb Ephraim Project, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,000 for a neighborhood beautification project;
3. an Agreement with Community Faith Outreach Ministries, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000 for a community garden expansion project (\$10,000) and a veteran's community micro-farm project (\$10,000);
4. an Agreement with The Palm Beach Chapter of the Rare Fruit Council International, Incorporated in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 for a community garden engagement project;
5. an Agreement with Rhonda Rogers, Chapter President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., South Palm Beach County Chapter in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,900 for a hurricane kit project;
6. an Agreement with Country Club Acres Association Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$38,000 for a basketball court project (\$10,000), an emergency preparedness project (\$8,000), a solar lighting project (\$10,000), and a median beautification project (\$10,000);
7. an Agreement with Glades Family Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 for a community garden project;
8. an Agreement with KTM Youth & Community Network, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000 for a community garden project (\$10,000) and a park beautification project (\$10,000);
9. an Agreement with Paint Your Heart Out Palm Beach County, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000 for a painting project (\$10,000), and a home beautification project (\$10,000); and
10. an Agreement with Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 for a home repair project; and

B) delegate authority to the County Administrator or designee to approve minor changes to the scope of work of those 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, 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 17 applications received and recommended 16 projects for funding in an amount totaling \$150,000. This agenda item includes 10 Agreements for the recommended 16 projects. The projects will be completed in FY 2022 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 8/2/2021
Approved By: [Signature] Assistant County Administrator Date 8/18/21

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
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 Proposed 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 6204 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: Pamela J. Conner

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Luz Munka 8/11/21
 OFMB 8/11/21
 MG 8/11/21

Andi J. Jankovic 8/17/21
 Contract Dev. and Control
 8-17-21 TJ

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] For H. Huizd 8/17/21
 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 is 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 May of this year, the OCR and the NEAT Agency Review Committee evaluated and recommended 16 of the 17 applications that were submitted for the NEAT FY2022 funding cycle. Applications submitted from the same organization were consolidated into one agreement. Sixteen projects are recommended for funding in this agenda item in an amount totaling \$150,000. The projects will be completed in FY 2022 and consist of various activities within the nine 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 and uniformed address numbers, uniformed mailboxes.
3. 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.
4. Neighborhood Outreach and Capacity Building: Community bulletin boards, yard signs, newsletters, neighborhood based events and celebrations.
5. Public Safety and Crime Prevention: Crime watch projects and crime prevention events.
6. Community Gardens: Community Gardens, butterfly gardens and community cookbooks.
7. Neighborhood Green Projects: Community tool library, recycling events for electronics, appliances, etc., lake and canal improvements.
8. Emergency Preparedness: Creation of a neighborhood directory and neighborhood preparedness tool kits.
9. Other: Little Free Libraries, minor playground improvements, benches, gazebos and 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.