Agenda Item #: 3P-1

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting	Date: October 5,	, 2021	[X]	Consent	Г1	Regular
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[] Workshop [] Public Hearing

Department: Cooperative Extension Service

Submitted By: <u>Cooperative Extension Service</u>

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) accept the donation of \$95,000 from Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc. (FMBG) to fund costs associated with retaining consultant services toward necessary design work for the Windows on the Floating World (Windows) located at Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County (MBG).

B) approve a budget amendment in the Capital Outlay Fund (Fund 3900) in the amount of \$95,000.

Summary: The donation will provide for retaining consultant services to assess existing conditions and design and engineering solution to address current erosion and operational water level issues. The design consultant will prepare construction drawings and specifications that once implemented, will provide for operation of Windows in a manner consistent with programmatic expectations.

Background and Justification: Windows at MBG is an award-winning display garden that provides visitors with an immersive experience into this fusion of public art and landscape architecture along with a place for demonstration and education. It is a part of MBG's overall Master Plan. Commissioned by Palm Beach County Art in Public Places for MBG, Windows was designed by artist Mags Harries and Lajos Héder of Harries Héder Collaborative in collaboration with landscape architects and engineers from Wantman Group (WGI). The garden features waterfalls; Window Walks that allow visitors to enter the water space and access the Garden's Zimmerman Color & Shade Island; a Lotus Seat bench, and the Water's Edge observation platform overlooking MBG's Lake Orth. Windows is integral to the board educational initiatives of MBG, especially its signature youth program "Ambassadors of the Wetlands". Over 5,000 middle and high school students have been engaged in direct field experiences within its landscape. It is currently experiencing erosion and water level issues requiring extensive repair work. Several meetings have taken place between MBG, Cooperative Extension, and Facilities, Development & Operations to discuss possible solutions. MBG is proceeding with a repair option based on a scope developed and discussed with representatives from MBG, Facilities Management Division, WGI, and Capital Improvements Division on August 6, 2019, which returns Windows back to full operation and original design. FMBG board of directors voted to release a donation up to \$95,000 toward this endeavor in a meeting on June 23, 2021. This decision is reflected in the minutes and there was a quorum present. (District 7 AH)

Attachments:

1. Budget Amendment

2. <u>Donation Memo From Paton White. Friends of MBG Board President</u>

Recommended By: Finally Lieu 09/09/202

Department Director Date

Approved By: 9/24/2021

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Capital					
Expenditures					
Operating Costs	\$ 95,000				
External	(\$ 95,000)				
Revenues					
Program					
Income(County)					
In-Kind					
Match(County					
* NET FISCAL	\$0				
IMPACT					
#ADDITIONAL					
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POSITIONS					
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Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes						
Budget Account Exp: Fund 3900 3900	Agency 101 101	Organization <u>AG20</u> AG20	Object <u>6600</u> 6506			

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. 1	Departmental Fiscal Review:	
	III. REVIEW C	COMMENTS:
A.	OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and	Control Comments:
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В.	Legal Sufficiency	

Other Department Review

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Assistant County Attorney

Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BUDGET AMENDMENT

FUND 3900 Capital Outlay

BGRV 081221*546

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		ORIGINAL	CURRENT			ADJUSTED	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED	REMAINING
ACCT.NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	AS OF 9/08/2021	BALANCE
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REVENUES								
Windows on the F								
101-AG20-6600	Contrib/Dontns Frm Privt Srces	0	0	95,000	0	95,000		
	Total Receipts and Balances	30,598,211	30,598,211	95,000	0	30,693,211	0	30,693,211
EXPENDITURES								
Windows on the Fl	loating World							
101-AG20-6506	Iotb - Infrastructure	0	0	95,000	0	95,000	0	95,000
	Total Appropriations & Expenditure	30,598,211	30,598,211	95,000	0	30,693,211	0	30,693,211
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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Ronald Rice, Director of Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service

FROM:

Paton White, President of Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc.

RE:

Donation Toward Windows on the Floating World - Design/Repair

DATE:

August 1, 2021

A check in the amount of \$95,000 has been provided to Cooperative Extension from Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc. for the specific purpose of combining it with funds from the Extension Service toward design and repair work specific to Windows on the Floating World: Blume Tropical Wetland Garden. This was voted on by the Friends' Board of Directors in a meeting on June 23, 2021. This decision is reflected in the minutes and there was a quorum present.

This donation of \$95,000 will cover a portion of the funds needed toward the Windows on the Floating World capital project. This donation from Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc. is to be used for this purpose only.

Paton White, President

Ayust 5, 2021

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