



Legislation Text

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Title:

Request Board approval to submit an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant requesting up to \$1,000,000 for the Spring Hammock Park Preserve CIP project; and authorize the County Manager to execute any documents associated with the grant application. Countywide
(Timothy Jecks, Deputy CFO/Budget Division Manager)

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Background:

In January 2020, the Board approved a contract with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FLDEP) in acceptance of a \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation grant for the Spring Hammock Preserve. In October 2022, the County Manager requested to withdraw from the grant agreement due to the increased cost of construction for this project and was granted the withdrawal from the State of Florida (see attached letters). FLDEP Land and Water Conservation Fund have released a new Notice of Funding Opportunity grant that will allow the County to reapply for this grant opportunity to secure enough funding to complete the Spring Hammock Preserve Capital Improvement Project (CIP).

The grant requires County matching funds of 100% of the grant award and the Board has approved \$750K in the approved FY23 Five Year Capital Improvement Program. The balance matching requirement would be requested upon awarding of the grant to the County. The grant application requires the Spring Hammock Preserve project to be listed in the County CIP Five Year Plan to receive 30 points in the grant scoring. Staff has created a matching cost table to meet the required \$1,000,000 match.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board approval to submit an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant requesting up to \$1,000,000 for the Spring Hammock Park Preserve CIP project; and authorize the County Manager to execute any documents associated with the grant application.