



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** March 25, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Sponsorship Requests and FY 2027 Discretionary Grant Timeline

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

N/A

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

### **Sponsorship Requests:**

The BOCC has received two new sponsorship requests for FY 26.

1. Building a Better Bend Lecture Series is requesting sponsorship for their May 7, 2026. lecture series: "Is Bend a 'Happy City'? The Science & Placemaking of Making Happy Cities."
  - a. Sponsorship opportunities are at the following levels: \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, and \$5,000.
  - b. Last year the County sponsored the event at the \$500 level.
2. REDI Annual Luncheon on April 8, 2026.
  - a. For FY 25 a table sponsorship was included in the VLF grant funds allocated annually to EDCO.
  - b. FY 26 VLF grant funds do not include table sponsorships at EDCO events.
  - c. A table sponsorship is \$1,200.

There is \$200 remaining in the sponsorship and fundraising budget for FY 26.

### **FY 2027 Discretionary Grant Timeline:**

During the March 4, 2026, BOCC meeting the Commissioners reviewed and finalized FY 27 Video Lottery Fund allocations for recommendation to the Budget Committee. This includes allocating \$14,375 in Discretionary Grant funds. Due to the limited pool of funds and the high level of interest in the Discretionary Grant program, in FY 26 the BOCC

changed the Discretionary Grant cycle from a quarterly review and allocation to a once yearly review and allocation process. In FY 26 Discretionary Grant requests were due by October 15 and the BOCC reviewed and allocated the funds in November.

Would the BOCC like to keep the same timeline or consider other options?

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Sponsorship Requests: The sponsorship and fundraising allocations have been accounted for in the FY 26 budget.

FY 27 Discretionary Grant Timeline: No budget impact.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager