



**HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE,
FLORIDA
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JUNE 17, 2025, AT 06:30 PM
Cover Sheet**

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ITEM TITLE: **Update And Discussion** – African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund (AACHAF) Grant With NTHP. (**Administration / Planning**)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION: REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION & EXPECAATION

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: ADMINISTRATION / PLANNING
INTRODUCTIONS		Exhibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Eatonville AACHAF Award Letter• Historic Town of Eatonville Grant Agreement FINAL
CONSENT AGENDA		
COUNCIL DISCUSSION	YES	
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: The Administration is requesting time during the Town Workshop to update the Town Council and community on the status, challenges, and next steps related to the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund (AACHAF) grant.

SUMMARY: The Town of Eatonville was awarded a \$125,000 technical assistance grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) through the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund (AACHAF). This grant supports preservation planning by funding a comprehensive field survey of built and natural resources and providing technical assistance to supplement the Town’s ongoing master plan process. It is addressed specifically to the Town and intended to embed historic character into the Town’s long-term planning efforts.

Additionally, coordination challenges have emerged. While the Town paused elements of the master plan to incorporate feedback from the PEC and NTHP, minimal actionable data has been provided to date, creating a gap in the integration process. Town Planner Consultant is preparing action steps: Clarification of the Town’s strategic priorities in relation to preservation planning; Realistic expectations for the AACHAF grant's deliverables and timelines; Strategies to better align community engagement efforts with technical planning.

RECOMMENDATION: Town Planning to review and discuss the current status and clarify expectations regarding the AACHAF grant. Council feedback will guide how best to move forward with incorporating historic preservation into the Town’s planning process.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A