



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: MAY 18, 2023

RE: RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-50: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR COOLIDGE AVENUE/ROSENWALD GARDENS AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Introduction:

Resolution Number 23-50 authorizes the City Manager to apply for Lake County CDBG funding for Coolidge Avenue/Rosenwald Gardens area improvements.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution Number 23-50 as submitted.

Background:

The City is planning water, wastewater, stormwater, and road improvements in the Coolidge Avenue/Rosenwald Gardens area. The City has been working with Lake County on the project, and it has been determined that the stormwater and road improvements are eligible for CDBG funding.

On April 6, 2023, the City Commission approved an interlocal agreement with Lake County to fund the design and engineering for the project. The Lake County Board of County Commissioners then approved the agreement on May 9, 2023.

In order to apply through the Lake County CDBG program, the County requested that the City approve an Urban County Cooperation Agreement to join the County's CDBG Program. On May 4, 2023, the Eustis City Commission passed Resolution Number 23-43 approving the agreement to become part of the County's program.

On May 4, 2023, the Eustis City Commission also held a grant workshop to identify grant priorities. At that workshop, the Eustis City Commission unanimously directed staff to seek grant opportunities for the Coolidge Avenue/Rosenwald Gardens project.

This proposed grant application allows for a targeted grant opportunity to support critically needed infrastructure in an underserved area.

Community Input:

The Coolidge Area/Rosenwald Gardens project has been discussed at several meetings. There will be an opportunity for additional input at the May 18 City Commission meeting.

Budget/Staff Impact:

The stormwater and road portion of the project are estimated at approximately \$4.5 million.

More precise numbers should be available after the completion of design and engineering. City staff are still working to determine what portions of the project are located in unincorporated Lake County versus those portions located in the City of Eustis. Those numbers will determine the amount of the grant application.

Prepared By:

Tom Carrino, City Manager

Attachments:

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