



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session

MEETING DATE: January 6, 2026

FROM: Mike Null, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of grant agreement L2505 with the state in the amount of \$475,000 for the St. Johns River Trail, Ph I. *Mike Null*

BACKGROUND

The City was appropriated \$475,000 in the FY26 State Legislative Budget for Phase I design, engineering and permitting of the St. Johns River Trail. This is a 3.6-mile trail that will run along the river's edge from Spring Park to the new Shands Bridge Pier.

Attached is the agreement with the Florida DEP for this zero-match grant. Staff recommends approval of this grant agreement and authorization of the City Manager to execute same.

FISCAL IMPACT

Design, engineering and permitting of this project is estimated to cost \$1,000,000. \$525,000 in surtax dollars were allocated in the approved FY26 City CIP budget to fund the remainder of this design project. The City has also submitted for an additional \$475,000 in legislative funding in the FY27 State budget, which can be used to offset the majority of these allocated local surtax dollars.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve grant agreement L2505 with the Florida DEP in the amount of \$475,000 for the St. Johns River Trail, Ph I, and authorize the City Manager to execute same as well as any other documentation needed to facilitate this grant.