



# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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**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.