



MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Board of County Commissioners

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2024

ITEM NAME: EPA Community Change Grant Approval to Apply and Partnership Agreement

SUBMITTED BY: Carl Young, County Administrator

SUMMARY: This is a request to approve an application to the EPA's Community Change Grant program in an amount not to exceed \$20M. The scope of this grant includes, water system improvements, a revolving loan fund for business and residential building improvements that includes funds for loan forgiveness, and a conservation corps.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to approve the application to EPA's Community Change Grant program in an amount not to exceed \$20M.

BACKGROUND: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Community Change Grants (CCG) will support comprehensive community and place-based approaches to redressing environmental and climate injustices for communities facing legacy pollution, climate change, and persistent disinvestment. Track I of the program offers an unprecedented opportunity to reshape communities through significant funding dedicated to overcoming deep-rooted and historic environmental issues. These projects will significantly improve environmental, climate, pollution, and resilience conditions affecting disadvantaged communities. The EPA plans to award 150 of these grants in amounts ranging from \$10 to 20 million.

BOARD ACTION TAKEN:

APPROVED

DENIED

OTHER

SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR: _____

NOTES: