



MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Board of County Commissioners Meeting

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2024

ITEM NAME: Community Change Grant Technical Assistance program

SUBMITTED BY: Carl Young, County Administrator

SUMMARY: This is a request to approve an application for technical assistance to assist the County in applying for an EPA Community Change Grant. The proposed scope of the grant could include: water system improvements, brownfields redevelopment, commercial or residential building improvements, and training programs. If we successfully apply and are awarded a Community Change Grant the maximum grant is \$20M and no match is required. There is no cost for the technical assistance.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to approve an application for technical assistance toward applying for an EPA Community Change grant.

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. These concentrated local investments will fund community-driven, changemaking projects that center collaborative efforts for healthier, safer, and more prosperous communities.

The CCG program will award funds to communities via projects that fit into one of two Tracks. EPA will allocate most of the funding to Track I projects. Track I offers an unprecedented opportunity to reshape communities through significant funding dedicated to overcoming deep-rooted and historic environmental issues. Projects under Track I 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.

The EPA has contracted EnDyna as its Technical Assistance (TA) provider for the CCG program. EnDyna and its partners will provide communities with the necessary support, free of charge, to guide their projects from the idea stage to the submission of a grant proposal.

BOARD ACTION TAKEN:

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SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR: _____

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