



## MEMORANDUM

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**MEETING TYPE:** Board of County Commissioners  
**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
**ITEM NAME:** Strong Communities Planning Grant Application  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Carl Young, County Administrator  
**SUMMARY:** This grant application would request up to \$175,000 with 10% local match dollars (\$17,500 maximum match). The Strong Communities Planning Grant is designed to fund multiple approaches within community development, including land use code updates to facilitate housing development, strategy adoption to address housing needs, and water/energy planning in that context.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend the BOCC approve Admin staff to submit an application requesting up to \$175,000 in Strong Communities Planning Grant funds with a maximum County match of \$17,500 for the purpose of developing and implementing a multilateral County approach to housing that will help address the Housing Needs Assessment findings. This approach will include the development of implementation strategies for programs such as revolving loan funds and land-banking, in addition to the continued development of the Gardner housing project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Strong Communities Planning Grant Program is intended to support local governments in planning for sustainable growth and development patterns and affordable housing into the future. This program provides planning grants to help communities align policies and regulations to locate affordable housing in infill locations near jobs, transit, and everyday services; ensure new neighborhoods have housing of all types, sizes, and price points; and direct housing to areas with access to multimodal transportation options.

**BOARD ACTION TAKEN:**

APPROVED

DENIED

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SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

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