



**City of LaBelle Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request**

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commission
Prepared By: Lilly Davenport on behalf of Mayor
Date of Meeting: March 13, 2025
Date Submitted: February 18, 2025
Title of Agenda Item: Recreation Board Contribution – % Allocation for Forrey Park
Agenda Location: Non-Public Hearing Items

Report in brief: The Commission awarded \$174,895 to the Hendry County Recreation Board for FY2025. The County is requesting information on how to allocate the contribution between Forrey Park and general operations of the Recreation Board.

Staff Comments: The Commission did not designate how to split the contribution. The Mayor advised that the interlocal agreement requires the City to match the contribution of the County. The City's total contribution exceeds the required amount, so guidance is needed from the Commission on how to allocate the funds. NOTE: Steven Lynn budgeted the City contribution at 25% (\$43,723.75) in benefit of Forrey Park.

Fiscal Impact: A higher percentage contribution to Forrey Park may yield a greater direct benefit to the City, especially if some of the contribution to the Rec Board is used for the benefit of parks outside City limits.

Recommended Actions: The Commission should provide guidance on the REQUIRED contribution to Forrey Park under the interlocal agreement and the extent to which any additional amount should be allocated to the Park instead of general operating.