

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER TO FLORIDA COMMERCE BY THE MAYOR, REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF FLORIDA SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City, Florida (hereinafter the “City”) applied and was awarded a grant under the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted City Council Resolution No. 2021-155 authorizing the Grant Administration services of a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity be awarded to Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. (hereinafter “Fred Fox”); and

WHEREAS, Fred Fox, as the Grant Administrator, has recommended the Mayor, on behalf of the City, execute a letter to Florida Commerce requesting an Amendment to the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the City’s best interest to authorize the Mayor to execute the letter to Florida Commerce which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and accurate and are hereby

made a part of this resolution.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the attached letter to Florida Commerce.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council this _____ day of December 2023.

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

By: _____
Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

By: _____
Thomas J. Kennon, III,
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

December 13, 2023

Mr. Blake Rockwood, Gov't Operations Consultant III
Florida Commerce
107 East Madison St., MSC 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6408

Re: City of Lake City CDBG HR Grant #22DB-OP-03-22-02-C04
Amendment Number One

Dear Mr. Rockwood:

Please consider this a request for Amendment Number One (hereinafter the "Amendment") for the above referenced project. With this Amendment, the City of Lake City, Florida (hereinafter the "City") is requesting a twelve (12) month time extension and revision of the activity work plans to reflect the pace of the project more accurately.

The City has experienced a delay in completing the environmental review process for the CDBG project. The plans and specifications which were previously submitted to the Suwannee River Water Management District (hereinafter "SRWMD") were inconsistent with the proposed work in the environmental review. The City's engineer has been working with SRWMD on the requested revisions. The environmental review was submitted to Florida Commerce indicating that the permit from SRWMD (once issued) would be forwarded to Florida Commerce. Additionally, the scope of the project did not meet the threshold requirement of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's standard clearance letter due to the project being a new construction. US Fish and Wildlife requested additional time to review the proposed project and issue a clearance.

The City will finalize the plans and specifications for the project and submit the same to Florida Commerce for review and approval with all necessary permits. The City anticipates advertising for construction bids in late January/early February 2024.

With this request, the City feels confident the project can be completed by the new grant ending deadline. The City appreciates Florida Commerce's consideration of this Amendment. If you have any questions regarding this Amendment, please contact Mr. Fred Fox, our Grants Administrator, at (904) 810-5183.

Sincerely,

Stephen Witt
Mayor