



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Landon Harrar Manager

2. **Department:** Economic Development

3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2026

4. **Requested Action:**

Authorize County Manager to sign a letter of support for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership and their application for the 2026 Regional Rural Development Grant.

5. **Cost & Funding Source:**

N/A

6. **Justification of Request:**

As an active member of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Levy County has seen firsthand the value of this partnership through strategic collaboration, resource sharing and development initiatives that shine a light on Levy County's opportunities for business growth.

Eligible applicants for the Regional Rural Development Grant include organizations made up of two or more contiguous rural counties, which agree to cooperatively establish an economic or tourism development office with a desire to develop, promote and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of the areas they serve.

An organization may receive up to \$50,000 or \$250,000, if representing two or more rural counties, recommended by the Rural Economic Development Initiative and designated by the Governor.

Applicants must provide:

1. A current organizational strategic plan (Organizations that do not have a current strategic plan will be required to use a portion of awarded funds to develop or update their plan).
2. Letters of support and documentation of financial or in-kind support from each partner listed on the application.
3. A full operational budget.

North Florida Economic Development Partnership serves 15 rural counties and is asking for \$250,000.