

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THREE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT AND TRANSFORMAITON (NEAT) GRANT APPLICATIONS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Community Revitalization’s Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation (NEAT) Grants Program provides funding to neighborhood based groups and/or organizations for projects that improve the quality of life in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by offering financial assistance, training, and technical support, the NEAT Grants Program enables residents to develop small collaborative grassroots community projects, and see their ideas through to completion; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funding is available for projects seeking an award for up to a maximum of \$10,000. Projects require a community contribution of at least the amount of the grant request; and

**WHEREAS**, NEAT Grants are available and may be awarded for projects located within designated Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) neighborhoods in unincorporated Palm Beach County and the Glades region, including the municipalities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee; and

**WHEREAS**, grants may be used for a wide variety of activities and projects, and resident groups are encouraged to think in new ways about what will work in their communities and with whom they might partner. NEAT grants are intended to build the skills and capacity of project leaders to transform their neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee recognizes the value of enhancing community engagement, recreation, and wellness through strategic investments in public spaces; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Pahokee desires to submit three (3) NEAT Grant applications for the following projects:

1. Project Fun – Swing Set at MLK Park,
2. Project Fun II – Commercial Shade(s)/Playground Cover(s), and

3. Pahokee Community Garden and Zen Space Project, to enhance recreational, educational, and community engagement opportunities for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds it in the best interest of the City to authorize the Mayor or Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents in connection with the NEAT grant application for the projects identified herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has been made aware and acknowledges that matching funds required will be provided from the City's budget or other eligible sources in accordance with NEAT Grant guidelines as in the best interest of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Adoption of Representations. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** Authorization to Submit Applications. The City Commission of the City of Pahokee hereby authorizes the submission of three (3) NEAT Grant applications for the following proposed projects: 1) Project Fun – Swing Set at MLK Park; Project Fun II – Commercial Shade(s)/Playground Cover(s); and 3) a Pahokee Community Garden and Zen Space Project, to enhance recreational, educational, and community engagement opportunities for residents.

**Section 3** Authorization for Execution. The Mayor or Interim City Manager are hereby authorized to execute any required documents in connection with the NEAT grant application and potential acceptance.

**Section 4.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

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Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.  
City Attorney

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE:**

Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McDonald	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McPherson	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Scott	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)