



City of Largo  
Agenda Item 8

Meeting Date  
05/01/18

Presenter: Richard Perez, AICP, Planning Manager

Department: CD – Community Development

TITLE:

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DEO) REQUESTING \$40,000 FOR THE COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING FOR FY 2018-2019

The Florida Legislature has appropriated funding to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants. The grants provide communities the opportunity to develop innovative planning and development strategies to promote a diverse economy, vibrant rural and suburban areas and meet the requirements of the Community Planning Act, while protecting environmentally sensitive areas. Typical grant awards will be \$25,000 - \$40,000. The application requires staff to submit a letter of request for grant funding and a proposed scope of work to DEO.

Staff is requesting approval to apply for \$40,000 to support preparation of the Largo Town Center Special Area Plan. The City of Largo is preparing to proceed with the development of a “master plan” for the Largo Town Center area. The plan will align with Largo’s Strategic Plan, the Forwarding Our Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Countywide Plan Rules. Furthermore, it will align with the Gateway/Mid-County Area Master Planning effort led by Forward Pinellas. If selected to receive funding, the Planning and Development Services Division hopes to produce a master plan that invokes economic growth and development, placemaking and inclusiveness, mixed-use and activity centers, partnership and collaboration, accessibility and connectivity, sustainability and resiliency within the major activity center that is comprised of the area surrounding the intersection of East Bay Drive/Roosevelt Blvd and US 19. The plan is estimated to cost approximately \$120,000.

Grant requests must be submitted to the DEO by Monday, May 7, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. No matching funds are required.

Budgeted Amount: \$0.00      Budget Page No(s): NA      Available Amount: \$0.00      Expenditure Amount: \$0.00

Additional Budgetary Information: N/A

Funding Source(s): NA      Sufficient Funds Available:  Yes  No      Budget Amendment Required:  Yes  No      Source: N/A

City Attorney Reviewed:  Yes  No  N/A      Advisory Board Recommendation:  For  Against  N/A      Consistent With:  Yes  No  N/A      Comprehensive Plan

Potential Motion/Direction Requested: I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT.

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Attachments: NONE