



## Legislation Text

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### **Agenda Item Name:**

Approve one year extension of all FY 2020 Nature and Culture Destination Enhancement Grant contracts to September 30, 2021 and to authorize reimbursement for allowable expenditures for canceled events and sponsored activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Presenter:**

Jessica Hurov

### **Description:**

As of March 27, 2020, Alachua County is in a declared local state of emergency due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and applicants have informed the County that due to restrictions, and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, they will be unable to hold their events and expend their grant funds by the end of the Agreement, September 30, 2020. Additionally, applicants have made reasonable expenditures to advertise and promote events that have been canceled in the interest of public safety, and it is additionally requested that these funds be reimbursable.

### **Recommended Action:**

Extend the term of all of the Nature and Culture Destination Enhancement grant awards previously approved by the Board for the FY 2020 grant cycle, which includes an amendment to all executed grants contract, for an additional year period and approve reasonable allowable expenditures incurred under said grant contracts for events that were cancelled due to COVID-19, and authorize the County Manager to execute agreements.

### **Prior Board Motions:**

Awards were approved on September 10, 2019.

### **Fiscal Consideration:**

Nature and Culture Destination Enhancement grants are funded by 85% of the third penny of Tourist Development Tax collections. The total award amount for the FY20 Grant is \$1,000,000.

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### **Background:**

In accordance with §125.0104, Florida Statutes, the County has allocated a portion of Tourist Development Tax to create and fund the Nature and Culture Destination Enhancement Grant Program, the purpose of which is to promote, advertise and support activities, services, venues, and events that have as one of their main purposes the attraction of tourists to Alachua County. An example of a proposed amendment to the grant agreements to extend the term for one year is attached to this agenda item.