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**Agenda Item Name:**

Revision to the Community Redevelopment Funds for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Revision to the Community Redevelopment Funds for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area removing the professional service requirement.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the revised process.

**Prior Board Motions:**

On 23, June 2020, Commissioner Byerly moved to approve a \$50,000 award to Working Food and a \$50,000 award to Rebuilding Together North Central Florida from the County's Community Redevelopment Grant for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. In Fiscal Year 2021, the requirement of \$100,000 of the total supplemental CRA contribution for professional services will be removed to allow the Board the option to utilize the total amount at their discretion. Staff was directed to prepare capital projects sufficient to expend the full year's proceeds for Board consideration. The motion carried 5-0.

At the Board's May 12 consent agenda, the Board approved the finalized grant criteria and application. Directed staff to solicit and bring back ranked applications to the earliest possible County Commission meeting for review and award. Authorized the County Manager to sign agreements with non-profits after the Board's award.

At the Board's February 11, regular meeting Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to return with finalized criteria for community redevelopment grants within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area and create a final application process for professional services grants for FY20 and develop a list of infrastructure projects for FY21. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut absent. 2nd Wheeler

**Fiscal Consideration:**

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The resources for these efforts will be funded from a portion of financial contributions committed by the County to the Gainesville Community Revitalization Area agreement (GCRA). In 2020 the first year, the increment available for economic development projects will be \$100,000 growing by \$100,000 per year over ten years per Section 3 of the GCRA agreement. Alachua County's total commitment to the GCRA starting in 2020 is \$4,191,460 with an increment draw down of \$100,000

annually for 10 years to reach equity between the City and County's commitment. At year ten of the agreement, the City and County will contribute an equal amount of \$3,325,657 per year.

**Background:**

Per the Board's June 2020 direction, all available funding coming from the equalization of payments related to the GCRA agreement with the City of Gainesville will go towards County directed projects. The policy related to this fund will furthermore be revised to allow the funds use in the creation of County constructed parks in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. This framework compliments the County's commitment to the Gainesville Community Revitalization Area agreement (GCRA) with a focus on serving low income to moderate income citizens.