



## Legislation Text

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**Agenda Item Name:**

Request Approval of the Recommended Conference Grant Awards as Presented

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Conference Grants are funded twice yearly through 15% of the third penny of Tourist Development Tax (TDT). Organizations are eligible for up to \$10,000 in funding for conferences incorporating verified room nights in Alachua County.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the recommended Conference Grant awards as presented and authorize staff to issue the corresponding Purchase Orders for the awarded grant funding to pay the agencies, on a reimbursement basis, for allowable conference expenditures. Make the legislative factual determination that the conferences recommended for funding have as one of their main purposes, the attraction of tourists as evidenced by the promotion of the event to tourists as set forth in their respective applications, and that each grant award is primarily related to the advancement and promotion of tourism.

UF Center for Public Interest Communication frank2020. Requested funding amount \$10,000.

UF Public Research Utility Center (PURC) 50th PURC/World Bank International Training Program. Requested funding amount \$10,000.

**Prior Board Motions:**

The Conference Grant application was previously approved by the BoCC on May 12, 2020.

**Fiscal Consideration:**

\$20,000 funded through 15% of one Tourist Development Tax penny. Some vendors will not be paid until FY22 since the payments are made as reimbursements after the conference has occurred.

Fund: 005.45.4530.552.82.24. There is sufficient funding available for the awards.

**Background:**

Authorized uses of revenue from Tourist Development Taxes require that a legislative factual determination be made that expenditures of TDT serve a public purpose and are primarily related to promoting and advertising tourism.

Hard copies of the grant applications are available for review in Commission Services.

