

RESOLUTION R-18-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT; APPROVING THE CREATION OF A NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR REPORTING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Community Planning Act, codified in Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, empowers Manatee County to plan for the County's future development and growth; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County recognizes the important role that neighborhoods play in increasing the quality of life and further recognizes that many older neighborhoods in Manatee County are in need of improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program serves a valid public purpose by increasing the quality of life of Manatee County citizens through improving neighborhoods and promoting community events; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of Manatee County to establish guidelines for the use and distribution of the Neighborhood Enhancement Grants as provided in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS. The Board hereby establishes the following purpose and distribution of the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant.

- a. *Purpose.* It shall be the purpose of the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program ("Program") to strengthen neighborhood associations and serve the communities within Manatee County by promoting neighborhood pride, a sense of community, and enhancing and beautifying neighborhoods within Manatee County. Grants made pursuant to this Resolution shall be in compliance with the public purpose requirement of Article VII, Section 10 of the Florida Constitution and governed by the policies and procedures of the Program incorporated herein as Exhibit "A." This Program shall not be used, or construed to be used, to further private interests or private property interests.

- b. *Reimbursement of Funds.* Grant funds shall be disbursed on a reimbursement basis according to the terms and conditions of the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Reimbursement Agreement incorporated hereto as Exhibit "B."

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE. The Board hereby approves the expenditure of Manatee County funds for the Program. Any expenditure of this program for the purposes listed above must fall within the approved budgetary allotment for the fiscal year. The Director of the Neighborhood Services Department (the "Director") is hereby granted the authority to develop and maintain procedures outlining operational aspects to be followed for authorization and approval of expenditures. Any remaining funds not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year for disbursement.

SECTION 3. REPORTING PROCEDURES. The Director shall annually present a list to the Board of County Commissioners of all applications ranked in adherence with the Program policies and procedures. Upon consideration, the Board of County Commissioners shall then award or deny applications based on available funding and compliance with the Program criteria.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, sentence, clause, or other provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining sections, sentences, clauses or provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. CONFLICT. This Resolution (R-18-156) establishes and reinstates the Program. Any existing ordinance or resolution or portion thereof of the Board of County Commissioners which contains terms or provisions which are in direct conflict with and cannot be harmonized with the provisions of this Resolution shall, as to such terms or provisions, be deemed as superseded by this Resolution.

SECTION 6. APPLICABILITY. The general conditions approved herein shall apply and be utilized in all transactions entered into on or after the effective date hereof.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 27th day of November, 2018.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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