



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940

Legislation Text

File #: 6886, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Approval, Re: Grant application with the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for wildfire mitigation at Erna Nixon Park, 1200 Evans Road, West Melbourne, FL (District 5).

Fiscal Impact:

If selected for the grant, the project would receive up to 75% of the \$65,076 project estimate with a local match of \$16,269 from Parks and Recreation Fund 1019 cost center 250410 (repair and maintenance).

Dept/Office:

Parks and Recreation Department

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the grant application; authorize the County Manager to sign the grant agreement, any amendments, or renewals, upon County Attorney and Risk Management approval; and authorize the County Manager to execute any necessary Budget Change Requests.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Erna Nixon Park is a 53.93-acre urban community park situated on property owned by the State of Florida. The Park contains a 3,000-foot path with elevated boardwalks through a natural Florida hammock, a pavilion with picnic tables, a nature center classroom with small animal displays, office space, public restrooms, and supporting infrastructure. The park relies on fire lines through heavily wooded areas to prevent the uncontrolled spread of fire. The grant funds will be used to widen existing fire perimeter lines and clear underbrush and fuel load to reduce fire vulnerability. This retroactive action is sought because the grant submission deadline was June 7, 2024. If permission is not given, the application will be withdrawn.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

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