

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940

Legislation Text

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Subject:

Approval, Re: FY2022-2023 Tourist Development Council (TDC) Capital Facilities Grant Program Application, Funding, Guidelines, and Committee Score Sheet. Approve one (1) year extension for the Cocoa Village Playhouse TDC Capital Facilities grant reimbursement period.

Fiscal Impact:

FY2022-2023: Program funding of \$2,122,710 from the TDC Capital Facilities fund 1443. Cocoa Village Playhouse TDC Capital Facilities grant- Original prior fiscal year award and funded amount of \$250,000.

Dept/Office:

Tourism Development Office

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners approve the Tourist Development Council FY 2022-2023 TDC Capital Facilities Grant Program Guidelines, Application and Committee Score Sheet. It is also requested that the Board approve funding of the FY 2022-2023 Capital Facilities Grant Program applications which shall come before the Board for final funding approval as the grant application cycle commences.

It is also requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve a one (1) year extension to the reimbursement period for the \$250,000 Cocoa Village Playhouse TDC Capital Facilities grant. Request the end of the reimbursement period for this grant be extended from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

Further, request that the Board make the legislative finding that Tourist Development Tax funds are authorized for each grant pursuant to Section 125.0104(5)(a)3., Florida Statutes, and Section 102-119(3)a, (5)a, and (6)a. of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances, because each grant supports an activity or event which has as one of its main purposes the attraction of tourists as evidenced by the promotion of the activity, service, venue, or event to tourists from outside Brevard County.

Additionally, it requested that the Tourism Development Office Director be authorized to negotiate and sign all necessary grant agreements and related documents upon County Attorney Office, Risk Management and Purchasing Services approval.

Summary Explanation and Background:

These funds put in place each fiscal year for future capital facilities projects approved by the TDC Capital Facilities Committee, the Tourist Development Council and the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners. These capital projects are verified by the County Attorney's Office to be viable projects to receive support with Tourist Development Tax dollars per State Statute and local ordinance. Reimbursable grant awards with a minimum amount of \$250,000 are available to support capital projects that benefit

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tourism on the Florida's Space Coast. These capital projects are approved and supported through the Tourism capital facilities plan will serve as safe world-class attractions and facilities that are open to both tourists, visitors and the community.

The Capital Facilities Committee at their March 24, 2022 meeting, and the Tourist Development Council at their April 27, 2022 meeting, voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve the FY 2022-2023 TDC Capital Facilities Grant Funding, Guidelines, Application and Committee Score Sheet as well as make the necessary legislative findings. A summary of the revisions to the Capital Facilities Application and Guidelines are:

- -Page 5 of the TDC Capital Facilities Grant Application Combine question 15 which asks for other cost categories into question 13 which lists the total costs by category by adding two other category fields.
- -Page 5 of the TDC Capital Facilities Grant Application Delete question 14 which asks if the applicant had other expenses, this is redundant.
- -Page 6 of the TDC Capital Facilities Grant Application Delete question 17 which asks the applicant the months that are anticipated to be most popular. The committee viewed this as not pertinent.
- -Fiscal year date changes on pages 1,2,3,6, and 9 of the TDC Capital Facilities Guidelines.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please return a memo of the Board's action to the Tourism Development Office and CAO.