

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Urban and Community Forestry Program - Grant Application

**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services

**DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Lisa Spriggs

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero

**EXT:** 7125

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Forestry requesting up to \$20,000.00 in funding through their Urban and Community Forestry Program; authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution in support of the project; and authorize the County Manager to execute other supporting documents as may be required for the application.

County-wide

Jennifer Bero, Joe Abel

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Florida Division of Forestry is offering the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program to provide financial assistance to local governments for the development and enhancement of their forestry program. One of the categories available is funding for the purchase of any forestry related equipment which would improve an existing program.

The Leisure Services Department would like to pursue the grant for the purchase of equipment for the maintenance of trees within the parks and trails throughout the County. The equipment would be utilized to trim trees, and to remove and chip dead and dying trees to be replaced with new trees.

The proposed application would request \$20,000.00. The match of 50% required by the grantor would be accommodated by in-kind services. No funding would be required of the county.

The grantor requires applications include an adopted Resolution stating that the applicant concurs with the proposal and will sign a Memorandum of Agreement if awarded the grant. Such Resolution is presented for approval at this time.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Forestry requesting up to \$20,000.00 in funding through their Urban and Community Forestry Program; authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution in support of the project; and authorize the County Manager to execute other supporting documents as may be required for the application.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution

<b>Additionally Reviewed By:</b> No additional reviews
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**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2009.**

**WHEREAS**, trees are an important part of Seminole County and provide both aesthetic and environmental benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Forestry, which is within the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, has established a grant program to provide monies for eligible local governments to fund urban forestry programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Seminole County desires to apply for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant which would provide monies in which to help fund the county's urban forestry development and maintenance program; and

**WHEREAS**, Seminole County wishes to enter into an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Memorandum of Agreement between Seminole County, Florida and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

(1) The above recitals are true and correct and form a material part of this Resolution.

(2) Staff is hereby authorized to make application to the Department of Agriculture and Community Services, Division of Forestry (the "Department") for an Urban Forestry Grant in the amount of up to TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00), the proceeds of which shall be applied toward the urban forestry program.

(3) The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary Memorandum of Agreement with the Department for receipt of the grant, subject to the Department's approval of the application.

**ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

**ATTEST:**

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Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners  
in and for the County of Seminole,  
State of Florida

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Bob Dallari, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Seminole County, Florida