
**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: National Integrated Water Quality Program - Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to partner with the University of Florida to submit a grant application to the US Department of Agriculture requesting up to \$180,000 through their National Integrated Water Quality Program; and authorize the Chairman to execute supporting documents.

County-wide

Jennifer Bero, Barbara Hughes

BACKGROUND:

The US Dept of Agriculture is offering the National Integrated Water Quality Program to develop research or education and extension projects targeted at improving the quality of surface water and groundwater resources. Projects will assist in achieving this goal by advancing and disseminating the knowledge base available to agricultural, rural, and urbanizing communities.

Extension Services staff is interested in partnering with the University of Florida to apply for the grant to support the Florida Lakewatch and Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) Programs. If awarded, funding would be used to further educate residents about water quality in a watershed. Please see the attached abstract for additional project information.

The grant would request up to \$180,000 (over a 3 year period), of which \$60,000 would be allocated to the Florida Lakewatch Program and \$120,000 to the FYN Program. The grant requires a 50% cash or in-kind match. The match would be accommodated by in-kind services provided by the Extension Services division.

Only academic institutions are eligible to apply. As a result, the University would be the grant recipient, the fiscal agent, and the agency responsible for managing the grant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve to partner with the University of Florida to submit a grant application to the US Department of Agriculture requesting up to \$180,000 through their National Integrated Water Quality Program; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Abstract - Project Summary

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: US Dept of Agriculture

DATE DUE: 4/29/08

PROJECT TITLE: Florida Lakewatch and Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Programs

DEPARTMENT: Community Services Dept; Extension Services Division

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Barbara Hughes, Extension Services Manager

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Neta Villalobos-Bell

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: If funding is awarded, the Florida Lakewatch program would train, supervise, and coordinate volunteers who would collect water quality data from lakes in Seminole County. This data collected would be used to publish information circulars. The Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) Program would present this data to residences in the sixteen (16) Seminole County watersheds, educating them in how to improve water quality through their landscape practices. Follow-up surveys would measure behavior change.

Funding would also be used to further public awareness of the Florida Lakewatch and Florida FYN Programs. Media related promotions would educate the citizens of the watershed and water quality, recruit Lakewatch volunteers, and encourage attendance at FYN Landscape classes for water quality improvements.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$180,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$180,000

SOURCES OF MATCH: Extension Services staff salary (in-kind services)

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$360,000

GRANT FUNDING IS:

COMPETITIVE

ENTITLEMENT

CONTRACT