

January 24, 2025

The Honorable JC. Deriso
Chairman, Desoto County
201 E. Oak Street, Suite 202
Arcadia, Florida 34266

Subject: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Award

Dear Chairman Deriso:

The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) is pleased to inform you that Desoto County has been awarded \$750,000 through the CDBG program. FloridaCommerce's consideration of the project is based on your application and associated documents, and the following assumptions:

1. Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations including section 290.046, Florida Statutes;
2. Providing benefit to Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Persons as specified in your application and as accepted by FloridaCommerce; and
3. Acknowledgement of the attached terms and conditions.

The County's grant award is effective January 24, 2025, and is contingent upon mutual execution of the subgrant agreement. The County may begin incurring costs for exempt activities upon completion of the Environmental Exemption process. Please contact the Environmental Program Manager, Geoff Amison, to begin this process. Mr. Amison may be contacted by phone at (850) 717-8422 or by email at James.Amison@commerce.fl.gov. The County is not authorized to conduct non-administrative activities prior to receiving authorization from FloridaCommerce.

Receipt of funds is contingent upon the County entering into a subgrant agreement with FloridaCommerce. An electronic link will be emailed to the Chief Elected Official (CEO) or other person with signature authority for execution of the contract using an Internet-based DocuSign platform. Local governments are requested to complete their review and execution within 45 days or sooner if possible.

Please note that this letter does not constitute an offer or agreement to grant your organization any funding or to enter into an agreement with respect to any funding, nor does this letter constitute a binding commitment on the part of either FloridaCommerce or the State of Florida. Accordingly, nothing express or implied in this letter gives any person or entity any legal or equitable rights. As such, the County must refrain from making any public announcement with respect to this matter unless such an announcement has been coordinated with and approved by FloridaCommerce.

If the contents of this letter and the attached terms and conditions are acceptable, please have a representative of your organization with the appropriate authority sign the below acknowledgment within five business days.

I have read and acknowledge the contents of this letter and the attached terms and conditions. My organization is able to agree to the attached terms and conditions and will work in good faith to execute a subgrant agreement within 45 days of receipt of the agreement. I further acknowledge that this letter does not constitute an offer, does not bind FloridaCommerce or the State of Florida, and does not guarantee that the project in my organization's proposal will receive funding.

Mandy Hines
Signature

Mandy Hines
Printed Name

County Administrator
Title

2/21/2025
Date

Aye: Schaefer, Langford, Deriso, Gross, and Hickox

15. FDOT SCOP S.W. Welles Avenue Contract Change Order # 1.

Attachments: 24-06-00ITB FP# 446390-1-54-01 Contract Change Order # 1

Mike Giardullo presented a request to approve a contract change order # 1 for the FDOT SCOP S.W. Wells Ave Road Resurfacing project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Hickox, to approve a contract change order # 1 for the FDOT SCOP S.W. Wells Ave Road Resurfacing project. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: Schaefer, Langford, Deriso, Gross, and Hickox

16. FDOT LAP Sidewalk Design Services / Johnson Engineering, Inc.

Attachments: 24-05-00RFQ LAP Sidewalk Design Services Agreement

Cindy Talamantez presented a request to approve an agreement with Johnson Engineering Inc for the design of three FDOT LAP sidewalks on CR 760, SE West Ave, and Kingsway Circle.

A motion was made by Commissioner Deriso, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve an agreement with Johnson Engineering Inc for the design of three FDOT LAP sidewalks on CR 760, SE West Ave, and Kingsway Circle. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: Schaefer, Langford, Deriso, Gross, and Hickox

17. Resolution/CDBG Application

Attachments: Enabling Resolution.pdf
Final Draft CDBG Application.pdf

Lauri Benson presented a request to approve the resolution to submit for the FFY 2023 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the category of Housing Rehabilitation and allow for the County Administrator to sign all related grant documents in the absence of the Chairman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Hickox, to approve the resolution to submit for the FFY 2023 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the category of Housing Rehabilitation and allow for the County Administrator to sign all related grant documents in the absence of the Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: Schaefer, Langford, Deriso, Gross, and Hickox

Enactment No: 2024-078

18. Resolution/Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Attachments: Resolution
Summary and Narrative
2024-178 Budget Carryovers

Brian Wagner presented a request to adopt a resolution relating to the attached budget amendments affecting the 2023/2024 adopted budget year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schaefer, seconded by Commissioner Hickox, to adopt a resolution relating to the attached budget amendments affecting the