



Meeting Type City Council – Regular Meeting

Meeting Date August 27, 2025

Agenda Request Form City of Cape Coral

Title

Resolution 254-25

Ordinances and Resolutions

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, approving the Federal Financial Assistance Subrecipient Agreement between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Administration and the City of Cape Coral, Florida; authorizing and accepting grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 from Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Administration, to plant a minimum of 300 native, wind resistant trees within Crystal Lake Park; authorizing the City to provide a matching contribution in the amount of \$12,500; authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute the Agreement and any and all documents related to this specific grant award; providing for an effective date.

Department: Public Works

Grant Dollar Value: \$50,000; Match: \$12,500

Fund: Median Maintenance

Duration: Grant Agreement expires June 1, 2026

Requested Action Approve or Deny

Summary Explanation and Background

On December 19, 2024, the City of Cape Coral applied for the Urban and Community Forestry Grant for Hurricane Ian Recovery efforts with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services formally awarded the City with the 2024 Urban and Community Forestry Grant for Hurricane Ian Recovery Efforts on July 14, 2025, with a performance period up to June 1, 2026. The grant provides essential funding to communities which were directly impacted by Hurricane Ian, funding much needed reforestation efforts and creating a more resilient urban tree canopy. The grant award is for \$50,000 with a city matching component of \$12,500. This grant will fund the planting of over 300 native trees at Crystal Lake Park, which was identified as an impacted area in need of reforestation efforts through the EPA EJ Screen tool used to determine disadvantaged areas within our city. The reforestation efforts at Crystal Lake Park will be part of a phased effort to improve urban tree canopy coverage by establishing a vibrant urban forest throughout our city as it recovers our lost tree canopy from the impacts of Hurricane Ian.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Is this a Strategic Decision?

YES

If No, will it harm the intent or success of the Strategic Plan? Choose an item.

If Yes, Priority Goals Supported are listed below:

- ☐ CITY SERVICES AND AMENITIES: DELIVER EXCEPTIONAL CITY SERVICES AND HIGH-QUALITY AMENITIES
- ☐ COMMUNICATION: CULTIVATE AN ENGAGED AND INFORMED COMMUNITY AND WORKFORCE
- ☐ ECONOMY, EDUCATION, AND WORKFORCE: CREATE A COMMUNITY OF PROSPEROUS RESIDENTS, THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS, AND SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES
- ☐ FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY: MAINTAIN A FINANCIALLY SOUND GOVERNMENT AND HIGH-PERFORMING ORGANIZATION
- ☒ INFRASTRUCTURE: INVEST IN RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE
- ☒ ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: PRESERVE CAPE CORAL'S NATURAL RESOURCES FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Is this a Consultant recommendation? NO

Is this contained in a Master Plan? NO

If yes to either question, please provide details of the name of Consultant or name of the Master Plan when applicable:

Recommendations

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 254-25.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact/Funding Sources(s)/Budget Consideration

The fiscal impact includes the receipt of \$50,000 in grant funding. There is a required matching of \$12,500, which will be paid out of Account No. 001-30010-553106.

A budget amendment is needed to accept the grant funds.

Will this action result in a Budget Amendment? YES

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