

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Recreational Trails Program Grant Program

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** Grants Administration

AUTHORIZED BY: Lisa Spriggs *LS* **CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero *JMB* **EXT.** 7125

Agenda Date <u>02/27/07</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Recreational Trails Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

[Dept Contact: Cindy Matheny, Project Manager II (407) 665-2095]

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection offers the Recreational Trails Program grant annually to provide funding for the renovation of recreational trails and support facilities. Staff would like to resubmit a grant application to develop a trailhead at Big Tree Park, providing access to the Cross Seminole Trail. If awarded, grant funds would also provide additional amenities to the park to include bicycle racks for trail users, reconstruction of the parking area, and the addition of a playground area.

The proposed application would request \$200,000 (the maximum permitted for non-motorized projects) with a 50/50 match. The match is anticipated to be funded from trail bond referendum funds budgeted for Fiscal Year 2007/08 construction projects.

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Co Atty: _____
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File No. <u>CFSG03</u>

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

FUNDER: Florida Division of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails

DATE DUE: March 15, 2007

PROJECT TITLE: Big Tree Park Renovation and Trailhead development

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Gary Johnson

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Cindy Matheny

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Staff would like to resubmit an application to Recreational Trails Program grant for construction of a planned trailhead at Big Tree Park, and additional park renovations. Conceptual plans include reconstruction of the paved parking area and provision of a playground area and bicycle racks. The trailhead will provide access to the Cross Seminole Trail and obtaining the grant will facilitate construction as planned with amenities as described above.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$200,000

MATCHING FUNDS: \$200,000

SOURCES OF MATCH: FY 2007/08 construction projects budget

THIS PROPOSAL IS A:

NEW GRANT CONTINUATION GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

GRANT FUNDING IS: COMPETITIVE ENTITLEMENT CONTRACT