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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Shawn Ward, AICP, Long Range Planning Manager

THROUGH: Beckie Cato, AICP, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Grant Application for Pace Area Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

DATE: April 4, 2016

DISCUSSION

Recommend approval of grant application for the Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Bureau of Community Planning and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents.

BACKGROUND

This technical assistance grant application is due May 2, 2016. This is an annual funding cycle and the grants will be awarded on a fixed rate price (deliverables will be approved before money is drawn). Typical awards will be \$25,000 or less, however, grants of greater value may be awarded for special projects of merit. The County has requested \$35,000 and the projects must be completed by May 31, 2017 for this funding cycle.

The purpose of these grants is to assist counties and municipalities in meeting the requirements of the Comprehensive Planning Act, addressing critical local planning issues, and promoting innovative planning solutions.

The same grant was awarded for the South Santa Rosa Bicycle Pedestrian Plan; however, it was not awarded last year when Santa Rosa County submitted for the Pace-Pea Ridge Bicycle Pedestrian Plan. The BOCC has authorized staff to begin the plan utilizing local funds but if a grant can be awarded it would be beneficial to assist with marketing and presentation.

Next Steps

Upon approval by the board, the grant application will be developed and submitted by the deadline. If awarded, the county will work with DEO to process the grant and begin the Pace/Pea Ridge Bicycle Pedestrian Plan.