



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE

Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development Grant for Historic Sites in Baldwin County for Educational Outreach and Economic Development and Tourism

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Take the following actions:

- 1) Authorize staff to apply for a Gulf Coast Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to expand the Baldwin County Historic Driving Tour and Walking App Phase III for Educational Outreach, Economic Development and Tourism purposes; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairman to execute documents related to the above grant application.

If the grant is awarded, a Grant Agreement will be brought back for Commission approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date:

June 1, 2021 - BCC consented to accept Phase II Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

July 21, 2020 - BCC authorized staff to apply for Phase II Grant.

November 5, 2019 - BCC consented to accept Phase I Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Background: The Baldwin County Commission consented to accept Phase I and II Grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 each from the Gulf Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council (GCRC&D) to expand the Baldwin County Historic Driving Tour and Walking Tour App to encompass other areas of Baldwin County to include South and Central Baldwin County and authorized the Chairman to execute the Cooperative Agreement between the GCRC&D and the Baldwin County Commission and any other documents related to the grant.

Staff continues to work to develop the Historic Driving and Walking Tour App for historic sites in

Baldwin County for educational outreach as well as economic development and tourism. The app is marketed to visitors looking for a day trip to explore the County's history and culture and is promoted as an educational opportunity for residents and students looking to better understand the significant historic sites of Baldwin County. This app addresses all three of the GCRC&D focus areas. As an educational program for students and residents, the app allows for self-guided learning to accommodate a variety of educational and physical capabilities. Baldwin County's history is rich in agriculture and natural resources. This app offers the ability to gain a deeper understanding of how the county's agriculture and forestry industries have progressed through time. The goal is to teach users to appreciate and better care for the natural resources available in Baldwin County.

The grant amount applied for is \$5,000.00 and staff is requesting the Commission to allocate \$15,000.00 toward the third phase of the project in FY2021-2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: Incoming revenue of \$5,000.00

Budget line item(s) to be used: Revenue Fund 106

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?
N/A

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
No

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: Archives Director submit all required documents and quarterly reports as requested by the Council.

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):

Felisha Anderson - Submit grant application to Gulf Coast RC&D and update Commission on grant status.

If the grant is awarded, bring Agreement back for Commission approval.

Fully executed Cooperative Agreement mailed to:

Mr. Charles D. Ramsey, Executive Director
Gulf Coast Resource
Conservation & Development
309 East Ridgeley Street
Atmore, Alabama 36502

Additional instructions/notes: N/A