MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Staff

Date: September 21, 2012 Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process serves, in part, as an early warning system for the federal government to determine if a federally funded project is consistent with plans and ongoing community initiatives of local governments and the regional planning council. By coordinating with and requesting comments from affected local governments on applications, a duplication of efforts, funding and services can be avoided. This enables the tax dollars to be more effectively used to carry out local/regional initiatives in the region.

The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log presents three applications for federal funding of projects or programs. The Review Log contains the applicant’s name, project location, project description, federal funding source, and the amount of funds requested, as well as designation of Notification of Intent if it is a preliminary application. Staff recommendations are provided on the consistency of funding applications with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

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Recommendation

Council should approve the comments in the attached report and authorize their distribution.

Attachments
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC Number: 12-IR-07-01

Applicant: City of Fellsmere

Project Description: Application for Rural Development Business Grant

Founded in 1911, the City of Fellsmere is located in north central Indian River County, four miles west of I-95 on CR 512. The area is rural in nature and primarily agricultural with citrus groves, sugar cane production, and aquaculture.

The City of Fellsmere is applying for a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fund activities that will enhance, improve, and bring into compliance with the City’s Land Development Code (LDC) the City’s Municipal Complex and surrounding recreation area. It is anticipated the proposed project will be completed no later than the Spring of 2013.

The project area is located at the southern boundary of the traditional “Old Town” in Historical Fellsmere, which is within the modern City limits. The Municipal Complex is the former Fellsmere Public School, which is one of three sites within the City that are listed as National Historic Register Properties. The school has been recently refurbished and is now being utilized for municipal services.

The project area contains public/institutional, and recreation land uses and is bordered mostly by low to medium density properties as well as some commercial properties.

A summary of the proposed improvements includes:

Additional Parking: additional parking is proposed to be compliant with the City’s LDC. The additional parking will include 55 stabilized, un-paved spaces for use by the adjacent recreational facilities.

Stormwater Control: with the expansion of the additional parking, proposed sidewalks and paving of the roads, the LDC requires an expansion of the stormwater control system.

Pedestrian Accessibility: to address the safety and welfare of the public, the City is proposing improvements and handicap accessibility that will provide paved access from the parking areas and site uses around the proposed project area.
**Landscaping:** The proposed project includes parking area landscaping and open space landscaping as required by the LDC. Additionally, the City is proposing landscaping around the stormwater holding pond as buffering and beautification.

**Street Paving:** The project includes paving improvements to streets and intersections around the properties. These improvements are associated with pedestrian crossings, intersection controls, and roadway repairs.

The Paving, Grading and Drainage Plan, and the Landscaping Plan are attached.

**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development

**Requested Funding:** $1,609,463

**Recommendations:** The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers **Regional Goal 3.1**, revitalization and maintenance of complete cities, towns, and villages; and **Regional Goal 8.1**, public facilities which provide a high quality of life.

**Agencies Contacted:** Indian River County
Town of Indian River Shores
Town of Orchid
City of Sebastian
City of Vero Beach
The Palm Beach County Department of Economic Sustainability has prepared the Action Plan (AP) for the County which covers the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. The AP is prepared for the Palm Beach County entitlement jurisdiction, which includes all of the unincorporated County, and thirty participating municipalities. This AP serves to meet the annual planning and application requirements for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs.

Planned objectives and outcomes address housing, homelessness, non-homeless special needs, provision of suitable living environments, and expansion of economic opportunities. Following are Palm Beach County’s allocations under the various programs for FY 2012-2013:

**CDBG Program:** It is estimated that 94.2% of applicable funding will be targeted to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The County proposes to set aside 10% of the grant to fund the CDBG Economic Development Program; allocate 15% of the grant to fund public service activities, and allocate 20% to fund program planning and administration. Additionally, funds will provide for public facilities and improvements, infrastructure, housing rehabilitation and demolition, program implementation and fair housing. The allocation is $5,393,765, with program income estimated at $25,000, for a total of $5,418,765 available for distribution for the year.

**HOME Program:** Funds will be used for Community Housing Development Organization administered activities, operating expenses, individual development accounts, developer rental program, and program administration. The allocation for this program is $1,590,204 for the year.

**ESG Program:** Funds will be provided to agencies that offer services related to homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and emergency shelters. As required by the regulations, 40% of the funding is to be used for homeless prevention, and rapid re-housing activities. The estimated allocation is $531,619 for the year.
**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Estimated Funding:**
- $5,418,765 CDBG Program
- 1,590,204 HOME Program
- 531,619 ESG Program
- $7,540,588 Total

**Recommendations:** The proposed plan is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers **Regional Goal 2.1** – an adequate supply of safe and affordable housing to meet the needs of the very low, low, and moderate income residents of the Region; and **Regional Goal 8.1** - public facilities which provide a high quality of life.

**Agencies Contacted:** All Palm Beach County Municipalities
Martin County is requesting funding to continue the operation of the Indiantown Bus Route. This route provides public transportation services Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The route consists of regular stops to health care, educational, public services and shopping facilities within the Indiantown area. The route includes a daily stop in the City of Stuart which offers riders diverse retail opportunities not available in the Indiantown area. The County has entered into a contract with MV Transportation (MV), a for-profit company, to manage and operate the County’s public transportation service. MV is the lessee of the County vehicle to be used under this program. The County charges $1.00 per year for use of the vehicle by MV to operate the Indiantown Bus Route. In return, MV maintains the vehicle per guidelines set forth by the County, adhering to all applicable federal and state laws.

Funding Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Estimated Funding: $ 84,545 Federal
84,545 Local
$169,090 Total

Recommendations: The application is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. It furthers Regional Goal 7.2 - Adequate mobility for the transportation disadvantaged.

Agencies Contacted: All Martin County Municipalities