



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Memo Date: June 19, 2020
Agenda Date: July 8, 2020
Prepared By: Samantha Senger, APR, APIO, Assistant to the CM/PR Specialist
Through: Matthew Fuhrer, Interim City Manager
Requested Action:

Approval of the submitted grant application for the 2020 City Catalyst Grant offered through the Florida League of Mayors to enhance the Cocoa Citizens Academy by implementing an Emergency Management component.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida League of Mayors has teamed up with Business Watch to offer a City Catalyst Grant each year with awards up to \$1,500.00 (with a matching portion) to support projects or initiatives that help build community and/or enhance the lives of city residents. This year the program must address a need as a result of COVID-19.

Based on the recent conclusion of our first ever Citizens Academy and the feedback received for that program, it was determined that an Emergency Management component should be added to better inform our residents about how the city prepares and responds to emergency situations. The recent COVID-19 pandemic has expanded that need more than ever to help better inform our residents.

The addition of this session to our program will also allow us the opportunity to help residents be better prepared for a disaster. We will work with residents to create preparedness kits that they can then use to help spread the word to their neighbors and friends.

Applications were due and sent in on June 19, 2020. The completed application and program description was included in this packet. Applications will be judged by a panel consisting of former Florida League of Mayor's presidents who are no longer in office and members of Business Watch. Winners will be announced at the FL League of Cities Annual Conference in August, and awards will be available immediately.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONNECTION:

Create a Citizens Academy program to better engage residents in their local government.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Budgeted Yes (Match)
If not budgeted, is amendment/transfer attached? Choose an item.

Amount Requested \$1,500.00
Account Number 001-1100-512-49.00
Account Name Other Charges and Obligations

If awarded, staff will come back to City Council to accept the Revenue and adjust the budget.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

No previous action.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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