

CITY OF SEBRING

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: August 16, 2022

PRESENTER: Robinson

AGENDA ITEM#: 8 D – Resolution# 2022-15 Florida League of Mayors Grant

BACKGROUND: Mayor Shoop applied for and the City was awarded a City Catalyst Grant to benefit citizens of the Washington Heights community. The purpose of the grant was to assist with funding for the construction of the Veteran’s Memorial and Wall to honor citizens of the community that have served our Nation. Ada McGowan and the Highlands County Citizens With Voices, Inc. have been instrumental in making this project a reality. The grant funds will be used to reimburse Highlands County Citizens With Voices, Inc. for funds expended on this project in the amount of the grant award, \$2,500.

ATTACHMENT A – City Catalyst Grant Application

ATTACHMENT B – Grant Award

REQUESTED MOTION: Approve Resolution 2022-15 authorizing Budget Amendment #193 as presented.

COUNCIL ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- TABLED TO: _____
- OTHER

Moved by: CARLISLE ; Seconded by: BISHOP
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE ADOPTED FY 2021/2022 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 216.011 defines an APPROPRIATION AS “a legal authorization to make expenditure”, then, no authorizations exist to exceed appropriated line item amounts in the budget. Should any cost requirements bring about a need for more funds than provided in a budget line item, no expenditure may be made until there is an authorized and approved budget amendment to provide more available fund, as set forth in the provisions herein.

WHEREAS, the City of Sebring received a grant from the Florida League of Mayors in the amount \$2,500;

WHEREAS, the City of Sebring will use these funds to reimburse the Highlands County Citizens With Voices, Inc. for costs associated with the Veteran’s Memorial Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Sebring, Florida this 16th day of August 2022, that Budget Amendment #193 is hereby approved and authorized.

John Shoop, Mayor
City of Sebring, Florida

Attest: _____
Kathy Haley, CMC, City Clerk

Request for Budget Amendment



Budget Amendment #193

Department: Administratoin Dept. Head: Noethlich
 Date of Request: 8/2/2022 Date of Council Mtg, if req'd: 8/16/2022

Budget Line Item Transfer

Account Number	Project	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
001-1510-369-60-11		Florida League of Mayors Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500
001-1510-549-49-00		Other Charge & Obligations	\$ -	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500
						\$ -
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				Totals	\$ 5,000	\$ -

Explain why these funds were not originally budgeted and the justification for your request now:
Appropriate funds for grant received from Florida League of Mayors for Highlands County Citizens With Voices, Inc.
Veteran's Memorial Project.

Request submitted by: Robinson Dept Approval: _____

Request approved by: _____ Date: _____
 Finance Director

Request authorized by: _____ Date: _____
 (City Clerk or City Administrator)

ATTACHMENT A

CITY CATALYST GRANTS



APPLICANT INFORMATION – Application must come from a current FLM member.

Date: April 15, 2022
Name of Mayor: John Shoop
Name of Person Submitting the Grant: Ada McGowan
City/Town/Village Name: Sebring
Address: 368 S. Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL 33870
Phone Number: 863-381-4103
Email: johnshoop@mysebring.com
Name of Benefiting Entity: Citizens of Highlands County, Washington Heights Community
(such as the parks department, Friends of the Library, community food bank, etc.)

Describe the project or initiative the grant will support (300 typed words or less). Include goals of the project and an explanation of how it will improve your community or the lives of your citizens.

See Attached

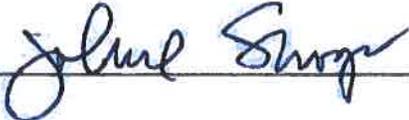
What is the timeline for accomplishing these results? 6 months

Identify those entities or groups that you will partner with to supplement the goals of the grant: Highlands County Citizens With Voices, Inc., local Veterans, community volunteers, city staff
(e.g., volunteer participation, matching dollars)

Total Funds Requested: \$2,500

Please provide a budget for your project or initiative: See Attached

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Applications, including the typed project description, must be submitted via email (flm@flcities.com) or mail (Florida League of Mayors, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302); only apply either through email or mail, not both, by Friday, June 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. ET.

Questions? Please contact 800.616.1513 or flm@flcities.com.

*Failure to begin or complete the project may result in forfeiture/repayment of grant funds

#CatalystGrants

CITY CATALYST GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

SUBMITTED: APRIL 15, 2022

Program Name: Veterans Memorial Project

Program Budget: \$10,000

Grant Amount Requested: \$2,500

Program Description and Purpose:

A group of citizens from Washington Heights, a predominant minority community in the City of Sebring, has been working with the City to restore beauty and safety to the area. A vacant parcel of land located adjacent to that business district has been owned by the City and is not use. Ada McGowan organized a non-profit, Highlands County Citizens with Voices (HCCWV) to further improvements to their community and has requested the use of the property for the construction of a Veteran Memorial and wall to honor those citizens that have served our nation. This memorial park will also further beautify the area and provide a safer environment.

The City has agreed to a long-term lease on the property for a very nominal amount. In addition, the City will provide some of the necessary infrastructure work to lessen the burden on the citizens. The HCCWV organization will raise the balance of the funds needed through pledges, bake sales, garage sales and other means. They have already had support from the citizens in Washington Heights along with many Veterans.

The project is located across the street from another park that was built from private funds to provide a safe haven for events in the community. HCCWV has been committed to this community as they have held many events, primarily for the youth such as back to school supply drives, gifts for every child at Christmas, community clean ups, Martin Luther King Day programs, Juneteenth programs and other events. They are a totally volunteer organization and have received very little government funds. Their heart and sole are focused on bringing safety and beauty to their community and providing guidance to local children so they can become responsible citizens in the community.



HIGHLANDS COUNTY CITIZENS WITH VOICES

April 12, 2022

Mayor John Shoop
368 S. Commerce Ave
Sebring, FL 33870
863-471-5100

Dear Mayor John Shoop:

My name is Ada McGowan and I am the founder and CEO of Highlands County Citizens With Voices. We are a non-profit organization in the process of creating a monument in honor of our veterans. We are asking for your assistance in this project with a monetary donation of \$10,000.

Your donation will go towards the following:

Contracted Services and Supplies

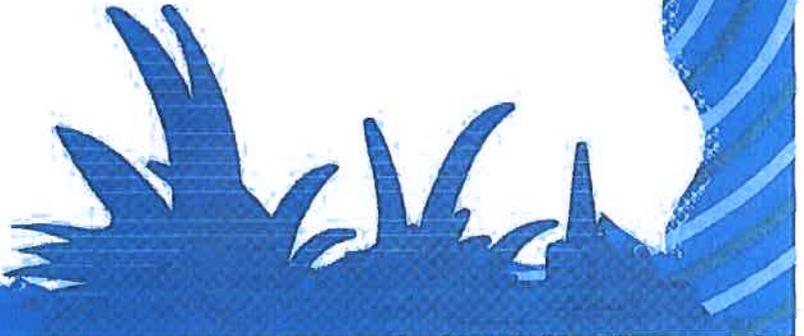
- Irrigation labor and supplies \$2,500
- Cement foundation \$500
- Veteran name bricks \$2,500
- Memory Wall \$2,000
- Monument (Statue) \$2,500

Total Cost \$10,000

Thank you in advance for your contribution. Words alone can not express the gratitude of me, the organization and the community have for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ada McGowan
Ada McGowan



ATTACHMENT B



July 14, 2022

The Honorable John C. Shoop
Mayor, City of Sebring
368 S Commerce Ave
Sebring, FL 33870-3606

Dear Mayor Shoop:

Congratulations on your grant Veterans Memorial Project approval through the City Catalyst Grant Program!

The Florida League of Mayors (FLM) and Business Watch (BW) are pleased to inform you that a grant has been awarded to your city in the amount of \$2,500. Your application stood out from the other applications and reflected solid commitment to the citizens you serve.

These funds must be used specifically for the designated purpose(s) by one-year from date of grant. (Please see the attached grant application.) A check (or direct deposit) in the amount of the grant will be sent directly to your city by September 12, 2022.

Recognition for City Catalyst Grant recipients will be provided during the Florida League of Mayors Business Meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. ET at The Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, August 11-13, 2022, at The Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida. We encourage your attendance and participation in this recognition ceremony. However, if you cannot attend, would you be able to send someone on your behalf? FLM staff will be in touch prior to the August 11th recognition ceremony to confirm participation and get pertinent information on participants.

We would also like to make a formal presentation in your city, where the public and media can see the value of the activity(s) this grant will provide to enhance the lives of your citizens. The FLM and BW staff will be in touch to coordinate these arrangements, following the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference.

We would like to capture your compelling stories of how this grant award was used to improve your community and the lives of your citizens! We will be featuring stories of our grantees on our website and through Florida League of Cities and Business Watch publications. Please share your photos, new releases or any other press events surrounding these projects with Linda Bridges, Assistant Executive Director, Florida League of Mayors – lbridges@flcities.com.

Again, congratulations on this recognition of your important efforts. We look forward to working with you during the coming year!

Sincerely,

C. Scott Dudley
Executive Director
Florida League of Mayors

Beth Rawlins
President
Business Watch

Scott Noethlich

From: John Shoop <jshoop@fsb-bank.bank>
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Rachel Embleton
Cc: Scott Noethlich
Subject: RE: City Catalyst Grant Award

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That is the correct address and we will make sure he is at the beginning of the agenda

John Shoop
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First Southern Bank
jshoop@fsb-bank.bank
Direct 863-658-0051
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From: Rachel Embleton <rembleton@flicities.com>
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 12:06 PM
To: John Shoop <jshoop@fsb-bank.bank>
Subject: RE: City Catalyst Grant Award

Perfect! Thank you. Scott Dudley will attend your meeting on September 20th at 5:30 p.m. Can you please confirm the Council Meeting address is 368 S Commerce Avenue Sebring, FL 33870?

Rachel Embleton
Association Services Coordinator, FACC, FLM
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
850.701.3654
www.flicities.com



From: John Shoop <jshoop@fsb-bank.bank>
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Rachel Embleton <rembleton@flicities.com>
Subject: RE: City Catalyst Grant Award

Scott just emailed and said that September 20th works for him

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Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 11:08 AM
To: John Shoop <jshoop@fsb-bank.bank>
Subject: RE: City Catalyst Grant Award

Thanks for sharing these pictures, Mayor. Congratulations on your grant!

Can you please tell me the dates of your upcoming City Commission Meetings? We would like to schedule a presentation at one of your meetings.

Rachel Embleton
Association Services Coordinator, FACC, FLM
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From: John Shoop <jshoop@fsb-bank.bank>
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 10:26 AM
To: Scott Dudley <SDudley@flcities.com>
Cc: Linda Bridges <LBridges@flcities.com>; Rachel Embleton <rembleton@flcities.com>
Subject: City Catalyst Grant Award

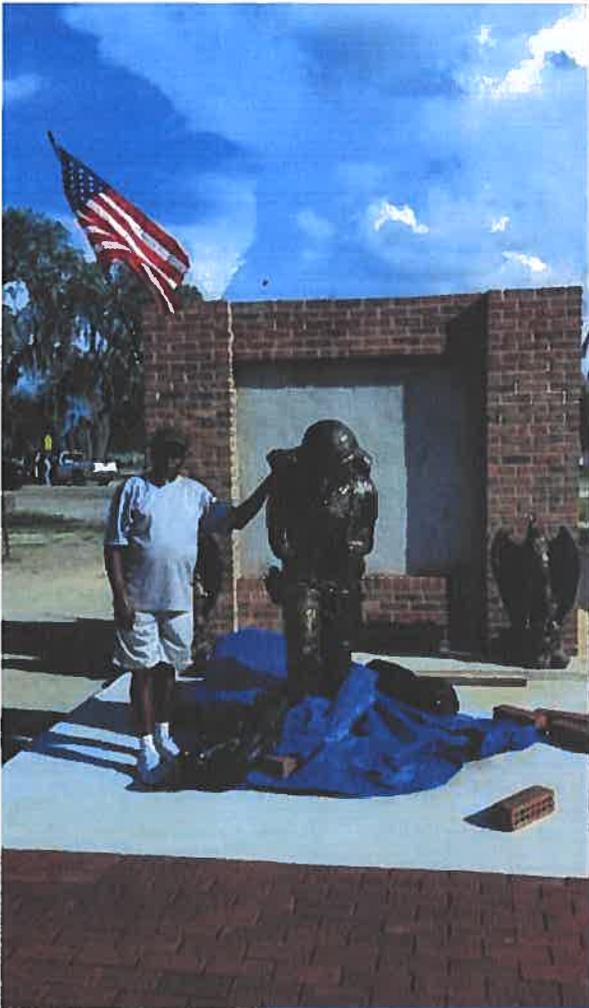
Scott,

It was very exciting to get the news about the grant award! It is truly going to a worthy project. The Veterans Monument has actually taken on bigger legs as more people in the community have stepped up in donations of money, products and labor. What was once just a 3 foot high wall is now an 8 foot structure with statues and a paver walkway. It is really bringing new life to the area. These funds will help get the project to completion. I have attached a couple of pictures below.

I am trying to rearrange my schedule so I can at least attend the FLC meeting on the 11th of August. We will have a councilman at the meeting so someone from Sebring will be there.

Thank you to the League for providing this program!

John



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