

**CITY OF MARIANNA
COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO
DATE: 06/04/2019**

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORT

- Subject:** Resolution 2019-18
- Subject Background:** City staff requests authorization to apply for a USDA Rural Development, Rural Business Development Grant to provide financial assistance for a parking area on Madison Street and walkway connecting Madison Street Park with the Winn Dixie strip mall. The application is requesting \$439,267 with a \$12,500 match.
- Recommendation:** Authorize staff to make application and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents.
- Potential Motion:** I move to authorize City staff to make application for a USDA Rural Development, Rural Business Development Grant for Madison Street parking and pedestrian walkway.

Prepared by: Kay Dennis, Director



RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF MARIANNA, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) APPLICATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$439,267 TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ACCEPT THE RBEG UPON SAID GRANT BEING AWARDED TO THE CITY OF MARIANNA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING SMALL AND EMERGING BUSINESSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Marianna Commission desires to obtain financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, pursuant to section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, for the purpose of creating a parking area on Madison Street and pedestrian walkway connecting the Winn Dixie strip mall with Madison Street Park for a small and emerging business under \$1 million in gross income and less than 50 employees in the City of Marianna, and as a condition to and in consideration of receiving financial assistance from USDA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marianna Commission is aware that the RBDG application titled Madison Street Parking and Pedestrian Walkway will help the City of Marianna achieve the goals of the City as it relates to providing parking for small and emerging businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marianna Commission has consented to implement improvements to the property located west of Madison Street and at Madison Street Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marianna recognizes that the continued small business development of this area will grow the City of Marianna and Jackson County's economic and job opportunities for its citizens and also recognizes the necessity and value of providing incentives for encouraging development in Marianna; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marianna understands that certain documentation is required by all applicants obtaining financial assistance through USDA, and that if funds are used for construction purposes, the City of Marianna must adhere to specific criteria required by USDA; and

WHEREAS, the FY18-19 budget is unable to support 100% funding for this project, however the City is prepared to contribute \$12,500 towards the project funding, and request funding from USDA, Rural Development for the remainder of the project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARIANNA, FLORIDA THAT:

Section I. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are expressly incorporated herein by references and made part hereof.

Section II. The City of Marianna hereby expresses its desire to participate in the Rural Business Development Grant Program through USDA Rural Development.

Section III. The City of Marianna hereby pledges its full and strong support to the efforts required for the submittal of the application and the implementation if awarded.

Section IV. The Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to sign said application(s) and all related documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2019 by the City Commission of the City of Marianna, Florida.

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**CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF MARIANNA, FLORIDA**

Attest:

Kimberly J. Applewhite, City Clerk

John Roberts, Mayor/Commissioner