



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

East Lake Community Library Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Services Taxing Unit special projects funding request.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) special projects funding request made by the East Lake Community Library (ELCL) for the purchase and installation of upgrades to lighting in public areas.

- This project will allow the ELCL to upgrade existing hanging light fixtures with approximately seventy flat panel LED ceiling lights in the main public area, the Children's Room, and the Teen Room of the library.
- The existing hanging light fixtures in the public areas of the original building are over twenty years old, require continuous replacement, and do not properly light areas of the collection.
- Replacement bulbs, ballasts, and the labor charges for electricians make these outdated fixtures expensive as well as inefficient.
- The project funding request is in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. Any costs exceeding the maximum award will be paid for by the ELCL utilizing capital reserve funds.
- The request for funding in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 is a one-time expenditure of MSTU special projects funds. Funding is appropriated and available in the Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Budget.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

4.6 Support a vibrant community with recreation, arts, and culture to attract residents and visitors

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

5.4 Strive to serve the needs of all Pinellas County residents and customers.

Summary:

The East Lake Community Library (ELCL) is a non-profit organization which operates under the auspice of the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency Inc.

The East Lake Community Library is located along the East Lake corridor in Palm Harbor and serves a population of approximately 32,000 residents. The annual traffic count for ELCL was almost 80,000 visitors in FY2023. The library was built in 1999 to provide an educational, cultural, recreational, and

community center for the patrons in the East Lake Community. Their unique services, programs, and collections go far beyond traditional library basics and support the ELCL Mission Statement: "Strengthening our community through inspiration, enrichment, and education. "

Background Information:

The MSTU Special Projects Funding opportunity was created by the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of supporting projects that enhance community and neighborhood opportunities in unincorporated areas of Pinellas County. These MSTU Special Projects Awards are intended to support culture, recreation, and community engagement opportunities for residents in unincorporated areas that are comparable to those opportunities which municipalities typically provide to their residents.

Fiscal Impact:

The request for funding in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 is a one-time expenditure of MSTU Special Projects funds. Funding is appropriated and available in the FY24 Adopted Budget. All costs exceeding the maximum award will be paid for by ELCL, utilizing donations and/or capitalized expenditure funds set aside in their annual budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Nancy McKibben, Assistant to the County Administrator representing Unincorporated North County

Partners:

Palm Harbor Community Services Agency

Attachments:

East Lake Community Library (ELCL) MSTU Special Projects Funding Request Application

ELCL Lighting Estimates