



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of grant award documents from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for an additional grant of \$3.8 million to fund a portion of the construction of the Tampa Bay Innovation Center incubator.

Recommended Action:

Ratify, confirm, and enter into the minutes the approval of grant award documents for an additional \$3.8 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to fund a portion of the construction of an approximate 45,000-square-foot purpose built, state-of-the-art facility to house the Tampa Bay Innovation Center incubator.

- The total EDA Grant project has increased to \$15,874,343.00 from \$12,000,000.00 due to rising costs.
- The County submitted a request to the EDA for additional funding assistance in the amount of \$3,800,000.00.
- The EDA approved the County's request for an additional \$3,800,000.00 grant and notified the County on 10/22/2021 providing a 30-day window to execute and return the award documents.
- Due to the time constraint, the County Administrator executed the award document (Legistar file 21-1338D), which was submitted to the EDA on 11/12/2021.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality:

- 4.1 Proactively attract and retain businesses with targeted jobs to the county and region
- 4.2 Invest in communities that need the most
- 4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Summary:

Attached is an executed copy of the EDA award documents to receive a grant award of an additional \$3,800,000.00 from the U.S. Economic Development administration to cover the majority of the project's cost overrun.

Background Information:

Due to the steeply rising costs of construction, the Tampa Bay Innovation Center's EDA project cost is \$3,874,343.00 over the \$12,000,000.00 original EDA project cost. Staff contacted the EDA following the construction bid inquiring about potential for additional grant funds. The EDA provided application materials for the County to submit a request an additional \$3,800,000.00 in grant funding to cover the majority of the project overrun. The application was submitted on 9/24/2021 and the EDA notified the County of the award on 10/22/2021. The EDA provided a 30-day window to execute and return the award documents. Due to the time constraint, the County Administrator executed the award document, which was submitted to the EDA on 11/12/2021.

Fiscal Impact:

The total U.S. Economic Development Administrator Grant Project cost is \$15,874,343.00. With the additional \$3,800,000.00 grant, the County's share of cost of the project would be reduced to 29%. In addition, Star-Tec Enterprises has secured a private sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to support the project which would reduce the County's share to 18%.

Original Summary of Funding:

EDA Share	\$ 7,463,295.00 (62%)
County Share	\$ 4,536,705.00 (38%)
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$12,000,000.00

Updated Summary of Funding:

EDA Share	\$11,263,295.00 (71%)
Sponsorship	\$ 2,000,000.00 (12%)
County Share	\$ 2,611,048.00 (18%)
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$15,874,343.00

Staff Member Responsible:

Cynthia Johnson, Director, Economic Development

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Grant Award Documents