



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding for the Ozona Village Hall improvement project.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) funding request, in the amount of \$18,782.50, for the Ozona Village Hall improvement project.

Additionally, delegate to the County Administrator the approval and execution of the Fiscal Year 2024 MSTU Funding Agreement, which will allow for a grant in the amount of \$18,782.50 to be advanced to the Ozona Village Improvement Society for flooring repairs and refurbishment and exterior painting of the historic Ozona Village Hall.

- The MSTU funding is being requested for flooring repairs, refurbishment, and exterior painting of the historic Ozona Village Hall.
- The Village Hall was constructed in 1899 with donated materials and labor to serve as a facility for community functions.
- Ozona Village Hall is owned and operated by the Ozona Village Improvement Society (OVIS) and is maintained through membership dues, business sponsorships, and hall rental fees.
- Ozona Village Hall was designated by the Board of County Commissioners as an Historic Local Landmark.
- These repairs are necessary to preserve the hall and to maintain its functionality.
- The project funding request is \$18,782.50. Any costs exceeding the maximum award will be paid for by OVIS utilizing reserve funds or donations.
- OVIS has provided the required quotes for the project which include sole source pricing for specialty siding replacement which is a requirement of the Historic Preservation Board in order to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- The request for funding in the amount \$18,782.50 is a one-time expenditure of budgeted MSTU Special Projects funds. Funding is included in the General Government MSTU cost center within the General Fund and is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2024 approved budget.

### **Strategic Plan:**

The Ozona Village Hall Improvement Project supports the following key strategic plan indicators:  
Healthy and Safe Communities  
Resilient Infrastructure and Environment

### **Summary:**

OVIS was established in 1900 to legally own and operate Village Hall. The Hall is the oldest continually used structure in Pinellas County and has served as the focal point for community

leadership in the Ozona community.

The preservation of this historic asset is a key element of the Ozona Community Overlay which seeks to recognize and protect the community's unique coastal characteristics and history.

**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:**

This request for funding in the amount of \$18,782.50 is a one-time expenditure of budgeted MSTU Special Project funds. Funding is included in the General Government MSTU cost center within the General Fund and is consistent with amounts provided during the FY24 budget development.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Nancy McKibben, Assistant to the County Administrator, County Administration

**Partners:**

Ozona Village Improvement Society  
Pinellas Historic Preservation Board

**Attachments:**

OVIS FY24 MSTU Application  
OVIS Village Hall Flooring, Siding and Painting Quotes  
OMB Review  
MSTU Tracking Summary as of 02-06-2024  
Ozona Village Improvement Society FY24 MSTU Funding Agreement