

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO GRANTS; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, as a Tree City USA and Growth City it is important for the Village to seek supplementary resources for the enhancement and progression of our urban forestry program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works is seeking Village Council support for the submission of an application to the State of Florida for the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) grant funds provided through the USDA Forest Service are administered in each of the fifty states through the office of the state forester, these funds are nationally authorized by the 1995 Farm Bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Forestry Division is anticipating the receipt of federal funds for this initiative aimed to enhance local urban and community forestry programs and to improve the urban environment within the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Florida, the Urban Community Forestry Grant Program anticipates an allocation of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2013, grant awards are 100% funded by the federal government through the U.S. Forest Service; and

**WHEREAS**, state funds will be allocated to regions based on population; there are a total of 3 Zones (44 Counties in Zone 1, 13 Counties in Zone 2, and 10 Counties in Zone 3); the grant funding available for each of the three (3) Zones is \$83,000; and

**WHEREAS**, a 50/50 match is required (50% grant/50% applicant); and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum grant award to a single applicant is \$20,000 and the minimum grant amount that may be awarded is \$2,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works allocates \$50,000 on a yearly basis for the Village's forestry program in order to comply with the Tree City USA recognition requirements; therefore no additional allocation of funds is necessary for the Village's 50% match requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, there are four grant categories, Local Government Program Development or Improvement, Demonstration or Site Specific Projects, Non-Profit Administration, and Information and Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works is recommending a grant submission for Category 1: Local Government Program Development or Improvement, Subcategory: Tree Inventories; and

**WHEREAS**, this subcategory is for the development of a local tree inventory/hazardous tree inventory on nonfederal public properties (includes parks, rights-of way and preserves); and

**WHEREAS**, a consultant that specializes in the development of street tree inventory master plans will result in a complete survey of all trees on section line roadways, half section line roadways, locations where the Village has planted trees, and identify sites available for future planting within the municipal right of way; and

**WHEREAS**, this information will make known the location, age, and condition of each street tree species; provide guidelines for where new street tree planting can be implemented, provide a work program that is more efficient and cost effective to manage and maintain that are healthy, and assist in the preparation for and recovery after storm events; and

**WHEREAS**, the data collected is vital when determining pre-mitigation activity such as proactive pruning, and in seeking disaster assistance after a storm event to replace uprooted and damaged trees; and

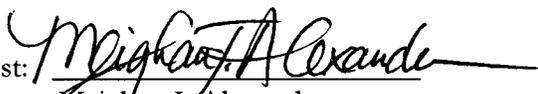
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Village Manager is authorized to submit an application to the Urban and Community Forestry Grant program through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry; and further authorizing the Village Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the intent and purpose of this resolution.

**Section 2.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

Attest:

  
Meighan J. Alexander  
Village Clerk

  
Shelley Stanczyk  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Eve A Boutsis,  
FIGUEREDO & BOUTSIS, P.A., as Office  
of the Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Tim Schaffer	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Joan Lindsay	<u>YES</u>
Vice-Mayor John DuBois	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Shelley Stanczyk	<u>YES</u>