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Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 5

Date of Meeting: October 16, 2001

Date Submitted: October 11, 2001

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
 From: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
 Gary W. Johnson, Director, Community Development Department
 Subject: Community Neighborhood Renaissance Partnership Initiative

Background:

On October 19, 1999, the Board approved the participation in the Community Wide Neighborhood Renaissance Initiative. This initiative's goal is to rebuild the community's most distressed inner city neighborhoods. These neighborhoods, such as the greater French town area, the Bond community and South City/Apalachee Ridge Estates, represent areas where previous initiatives have failed to accomplish the intended goals.

Forming collaborative partnerships between neighborhoods and the broader community has resulted in a different approach to rebuilding neighborhoods called "holistic neighborhood revitalization." Members of the Community Neighborhood Renaissance Partnership include the Renaissance Partnership Board, the Covenant Partners and a neighborhood association. The Partnership Board, a non-profit corporation, includes representatives from: Florida A & M University, Florida State University, Arvida Corporation, City of Tallahassee, Leon County School Board, Bank of America, Capital City Bank, Leon County Board of County Commissioners and Leon County Board of County Commission, all of which are funding partners, and the United Way of the Big Bend, Tallahassee Lender's Consortium, Apalachee Ridge Estates Neighborhood Association, Covenant Partners, a coalition of religious organizations.

On June 13, 2000, the Board approved the first installment of funding in the amount of \$10,000 for one year (Attachment #1). This approval included a requirement that the Board receive and review an annual report in order to consider additional funding for future years. The original request for funding was \$10,000 each year for five years. At this time, staff is not aware of any request for future funding to this partnership beyond five years.

Analysis:

On October 9, 2001, the first neighborhood, Apalachee Ridge Estates, presented their neighborhood plan to the Board. This plan is considered the annual report. The plan was written by the neighborhood, for the neighborhood, and included the following issues: Neighborhood Safety, Recreation Facilities and Services, Flooding and Drainage, Neighborhood Clean-up, Public Transportation, Homeownership: home retention, rehabilitation and modernization, rental rehabilitation, neighborhood character and beautification, Economic Development, Student Skills/Performance, Improved School Facilities, and Adult and Community Education. For each of these issues, the neighborhood plan identifies goals and desired outcomes. The Board accepted the report and adopted the Apalachee Ridge Estates Neighborhood Plan by Resolution.

Once the Apalachee Ridge Estates Neighborhood Plan is implemented, the Partnership will begin the process to select another neighborhood to rebuild. The Partnership has requested the second year of funding from Leon County (Attachment #2). Funding is provided through the General Fund Contingency. A Contingency Statement is shown as

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Attachment #3 and Attachment #4 is the Budget Amendment Request establishing the budget for this program under the Housing and Human Services Division. This funding should be considered during the budget process for FY 02/03 to FY 04/05

Options:

1. Accept the Apalachee Ridge Estates Neighborhood Plan as the Annual Report and approve the second installment request of \$10,000 for year 2001-2002.

2. Approve the transfer of \$10,000 from general fund contingency to the Community Neighborhood Renaissance Partnership as shown in the attached budget amendment.

3. Approve the continued financial commitment to the Community Neighborhood Renaissance Partnership of \$10,000 per year for FY 02/03 to FY 04/05 and direct staff to include these funds in future years' budgets.

4. Do not approve.

5. Provide staff with other direction.

Recommendation:

Option 1, 2 and 3.

Attachments:

1. June 13, 2000 agenda item.

2. Request for 2nd installment of financial commitment.

3. Contingency Statement

4. Budget Amendment Request

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5. Approve Funding for the Community Neighborhood Renaissance Partnership
(Community Development/Housing and Human Services - Gary Johnson/Shelley Murphy)

The Board approved Options 1, 2, and 3: 1) Accept the Apalachee Ridge Estates Neighborhood Plan as the Annual Report and approve the second installment request of \$10,000 for year 2001-2002. 2) Approve the transfer of \$10,000 from general fund contingency to the Community Neighborhood Renaissance Partnership as shown in the attached budget amendment. 3) Approve the continued financial commitment to the

Community Neighborhood Renaissance Partnership of \$10,000 per year for FY 02/03 to FY 04/05 and direct staff to include these funds in future years' budgets.