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RE: Governance Services 4th Quarter Stimulus Grants Report

Ken,

Below is an update on what we have been working on this quarter for the County on Federal Stimulus grants. Over the fourth quarter of the year, and especially during the holidays, the quantity of new grant programs began to slow. Therefore, our report has been understandably leaner than the previous quarters. However, we continue to monitor the new grant opportunities for possible funding mechanisms for County projects.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information regarding any of the projects, please feel free to contact me. We want to thank the County and staff for their continued support in allowing us to be a part of this new and vital area of local government.

Respectfully,

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Grant opportunities identified this quarter:

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Staffing Grant- SAFER

This yearly grant is a part of the FEMA set of grants targeted at volunteer and career fire departments. This grant would allow departments to re-hire career fire fighters who were laid-off due to funding concerns or allow volunteer fire departments to institute retention incentives or recruitment programs.

USDA Rural Development Solid Waste Management program

This grant was available to non-profits, "public bodies" or academic institutions to create programs which would reduce or eliminate water pollution or improve planning or management of solid waste in rural areas.

HUD HOPE VI Main Street Program Grant

Provided funding for small communities to "assist in the rejuvenation of an historic or traditional central business district or "Main Street" area by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units."

HHS: National Endowment for the Humanities, Interpreting America's Historic Places Planning or Implementation Grants

Provides funding for the Planning or implementation of projects that "develop of humanities content and interactivity that excite, inform, and stir thoughtful reflection upon culture, identity, and history in creative and new ways."

Grant research requested by the County:

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants (EECBG)

The State Energy Commission released their long-awaited Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant program for non-entitled communities. We have been in contact with the Governor's Energy Office since early 2009 regarding this grant. After much debate and many conference call meetings, they opened the opportunity in mid-December.

In our contact with the Governor's office, we discussed Leon County's concern that without sufficient information being released before the grant opened, it might be difficult to propose a well thought-out, NEPA Standards compliant project. There was also a concern about the program window falling in mid-December with an initial deadline of early to mid-January. In earlier talks, the window had always been planned to be approximately 30 to 45 days, but when 14 of those days fall during the holidays, there would really only be a two-week window of time to work on the grant. We conveyed this concern to several people at the Energy Office and they suggested to the

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Commission that since the grant was released so much later in the year than they had initially planned, that they extend the deadline from 30 days to 60 days. The County's Sustainability department is working on the grant proposal presently and we remain available for any support that may be needed.

Economic Development Administration Summary (*appeared in our 3rd Quarter Report but actually took place during the 4th quarter*)

Our firm also gathered information on the Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund. This program was created to bolster economic development through growth in the "Green Economy" and falls under the Economic Development Assistance program grants.