




Interoffice Memorandum

May 16, 2024

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: June 18, 2024 – Consent Item  
May 2024 Sustainable Communities Grant

The Orange County Sustainability Plan provides a framework for working towards sustainability, as well as goals and strategies that will serve to integrate sustainability into our culture, decision-making, and governance. The grant is designed to provide funding for the creation and maintenance of entrance and common area improvements.

The Neighborhood Services Division administers the Sustainable Communities Grant, which provides funds for neighborhood organizations to help reduce pollution and their carbon footprint. The grant is available countywide in amounts ranging between \$500 and \$5,000. Applications are accepted year-round and are reviewed monthly by the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board (NGAB). The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) helped to develop the grant's criteria and assists applicants in developing projects that reduce pollution and their carbon footprint. Organizations are required to provide a letter of support from EPD, which has been provided for these projects. Finally, the organization is required to sign a letter of agreement recognizing the responsibilities throughout the grant process, document the appropriate match, and demonstrate an ability to maintain the project.

The NGAB is recommending approval of the May 2024 Sustainable Communities grant to Heron Bay Homeowners' Association, Inc., authorizing \$1,416.94 for installation of Perennial Peanut sod. This groundcover is low maintenance, requires no fertilizer, is drought tolerant, and prevents erosion due to its dense root system. (see Attachment A). The grant request location is displayed in Attachment B.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

<b>District</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Type of Organization</b>	<b>Description of the Project</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>NGAB Recommendation</b>	<b>EPD Review</b>
4	Heron Bay Homeowners' Association, Inc.	Mandatory	Landscape front entrance with perennial peanut sod.	\$1,416.94	Yes	Yes

**Attachment B**

**Sustainable Communities Grant Program**

**Neighborhood Type: Mandatory**

**District: 4**

**Municipality: Orange County**

**Profile**

**Organization Name:** Heron Bay Homeowners' Association, Inc.

**Request:** Landscape front entrance with perennial peanut sod. Located at Heron Bay Drive and Rouse Road.

**Requested Amount:** \$1,416.94

**Matching Amount:** \$0

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,416.94

**Heron Bay Homeowners' Association, Inc.**

