

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: 2018 GA DCA EIP and EDA Grant Requests

DATE OF MEETING: May 22nd 2018

Regular Meeting (x)
Work Session (x)
Recommendation (x)
Policy/Discussion ()
Report ()

BUDGET IMPACT: Detailed Below

FUNDING SOURCE:

(X) Annual () SPLOST VII () Capital () N/A

ACTION REQUESTED ON: 2018 GA DCA EIP and EDA Grant Requests – Project Max

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

In August of 2016, the LCBOC held a special called meeting related to the approval of preliminary Project Max related documents for two grants. After substantial progress since then, it is now time to request official consideration for both of them. The grants are a \$750,000 Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Community Development Block Employment Incentive Grant (CDBG EIP) and a ~\$1,700,000 Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works Funds Grant. In partnership with the Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC), the EIP grant has been advertised in the VDT and a required public hearing was held on May 1st. As stated in 2016 and remains consistent with this request, Lowndes County is a partner in the applications and is not committing to any direct funding in the pursuit of these grants. Any overages or financial commitments to the grant application amounts are slated to be paid by the Development Authority. The dominant other costs expected are staff time, attorney time, and DCA/EDA oversight. For reference, additional information is attached and available at the below web addresses:

<https://dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding/community-development-block-grants-cdbg/employment-incentive>

<https://www.eda.gov/programs/eda-programs/>

OPTIONS:

1. Approve
2. Approve with Conditions
3. Table
4. Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 Approve and Authorize the Chairman and Staff to pursue applications for a GA DCA EIP Grant and an EDA Public Works Grant related to Project Max.

DIVISION: Planning

County Planner: Jason Davenport


County Manager

Action by the Board: _____