

Request for Board of Commissioners' Action

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Subject: Grant 319 Opportunities Item Number: Work Session D

As we briefly discussed, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission is looking to submit a bid for the 319(h) grant program. Funds for this grant come from the Clean Water Act, which are sent through the EPA to our state's Environmental Protection Division. These funds are used to help address waterbodies that have been designated as "not supporting" their intended use due to non-point source pollution. Bear Creek is one of these waterbodies, and has been designated as impaired for high fecal coliform and low dissolved oxygen. We intend to address the fecal coliform impairment, though activities in this project may also help with the low dissolved oxygen.

Such activities could include green infrastructure, urban stormwater controls (not included in an NPDES permit), low impact development, watershed hydrology/stream bank restoration, targeted tree planting, possibly street sweepers, stormwater system mapping, or even support with dog parks (installing waste bag dispensers, waste receptacles and native plants). We also could target septic system pump-out/repair/replacement activities, agricultural projects to reduce fecal run-off into the waterways, feral swine eradication, and various educational efforts. I'm attaching a map showing the intended target area, which includes Adel and Sparks. The City of Sparks has already expressed its interest in participating, and we have been in touch with the City of Adel to see if they'd like to be part of this project.

We can bid up to \$400,000 total award for a project term that could go for up to three years. If awarded, the SGRC would offer reimbursement for project activities (cash expenditures and in-kind services) for a 1-1 match.

I can provide more information if the Commissioners are interested.

Thanks for your time!

With sincere appreciation,
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