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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Megan Covey, Grants Director

Date: September 5, 2024

Re: Approval to Re-submit the Public Library Construction Grant Application for the

Orange Park Library Improvement Plan

The Grants Division requests approval to update the application already on file and re-submit an application for the following grant:

Public Library Construction Grant

Grantor Name: Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information

Services

Application Deadline: September 30, 2024

Funding Type: State

Grant Request: \$500,000

Matching Requirements: 1:1. Matching funds are included in the proposed FY25

budget.

Purpose of Grant: The Orange Park Library Improvement Plan includes reconfiguring the children's area and meeting room spaces at to maximize public

program areas.

Background Information: The 2024 General Appropriations Act did not provide funding for any of the Public Library Construction Grant applications submitted. According to the Public Library Construction Grant guidelines, if an application was not funded during the previous cycle and if the project has not been placed under a contract for construction before July 1, 2024, then the application may be considered for funding by the Florida Legislature the following year (FY 2025-26).