New Business #5

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 11, 2014	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of Chairman Brown's recommendation to request a grant from the Fayette Master Gardener Association, in the amount of $2,000.00, and for grant to be used after park designs are officially approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Master Gardener Association (FMGA) is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization operating in Fayette County. Each year the association calls for grant applications for projects related to horticulture that promote volunteerism and education. These can be described as projects that make a difference in our community by promoting self-less service in community beautification and/or projects that extend horticultural opportunities to all in Fayette County, Georgia. Grant or assistance requests that complement that purpose are most likely to receive approval.

This is a simple grant with no funding required from Fayette County.

This agenda item, if approved, will officially authorize the enclosed application to be sent on behalf of the Board. The grant application deadline is Monday, September 15, 2014.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of Chairman Brown's recommendation to request a grant from the Fayette Master Gardener Association, in the amount of $2,000.00, for the proposed Justice Center Park, for the planning and implementation of the citizens' garden section to promote volunteerism and horticultural education in Fayette County, and for grant to be used after park designs are officially approved by the Board of Commissioners.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Fayette Master Gardener Association

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GRANT GUIDELINES

The Fayette Master Gardener Association (FMGA) is a not for profit 501 (C) (3) organization.
FMGA provides volunteer and/or financial grants for projects that meet its fundamental values of volunteerism and education. These can be described as projects that make a difference in our community by promoting self-less service in community beautification and/or projects that extend horticultural opportunities to all in Fayette County, Georgia. Grant or assistance requests that complement that purpose are most likely to receive approval.
On the other hand, projects that involve for-profit-entities are not likely to be received positively. The commitment of FMGA funds and volunteers will also be a strong determination in approval or disapproval.

Two types of grants are available. The forms must be submitted for each type of grant and for each project. The grant applications must be received no later than Monday, September 15, 2014 at www.fayettemga@gmail.com.

GRANT GUIDELINES

1. All projects must be submitted on one of the official grant forms, which can be obtained by emailing www.fayettemga@gmail.com.
2. All projects should be horticultural related.
3. FMGA will focus on grants:
    A. To teachers and students for horticultural-related projects that are not funded by the school budgets.
    B. To civic and community projects, whether through individual or partnership participation.
4. The project shall be creative and inspiring.
5. It should be in Fayette County, Georgia.
6. Past history with the applicant will affect approval.
7. Cost and number of persons impacted will affect approval.
8. It should be for not-for-profit entities.
9. All grant programs are approved on a one-time basis only and should be concluded within the timeframe indicated on the request forms, but clearly within the calendar or school year in which they are approved.
10. Grant applications should have one contact person accountable for the project's update, cost and completion.
11. Monies can be partially distributed, with payment in full when the project is near completion and/or as funds are needed.
12. Any monies not used by the end of calendar/school year shall be returned to FMGA.
13. If a grant is made, FMGA expects a brief written report (email) at the completion of the project.
14. FMGA shall be publicly recognized as the donor of the grant (press, schools, community).
15. Exceptions on these rules may be made by a majority vote of FMGA membership.

Fayette Master Gardener Association

APPLICATION FOR 2015

☐ HORTICULTURAL GRANT

☐ EDUCATIONAL GRANT

1. **Description of the Project:** A "citizens' garden" is proposed for the new Justice Center Park. All plant material would come from local citizens and serve as an opportunity for volunteerism and horticultural education. Grant would be used after official plans are approved by the Board of Commissioners.
2. **Project Leader (Name, Title, Phone and Email):**
Steve Brown, Justice Ctn. Park Committee, 770-305-5120
Email: twhite@fayettecountyga.gov
3. **Project Location:** County land adjacent to Justice Ctn, Fayetteville
4. **Project Dates:**
   Start: 2015
   Completion: Park will be implemented in phases (citizens' garden - first phase)
5. **Reason for the Project:**
Enhance our public spaces, promote horticulture, build community spirit
6. **How Will the Project Be Implemented:**
County staff and volunteers
7. **Who Will Benefit From the Project:**
All Fayette County residents
8. **Amount of Grant Requested or Material to be Purchased:** $2,000 site prep and creation of garden space
9. **Additional Details:** This is a "one-of-a-kind" project in all of metro Atlanta

I, the undersigned agree with the guidelines and will implement these. In the event that they are not implemented, FMGA may demand the refund of the grant.

Printed Name and Signature:

Place and date:

Send this application to www.fayettemga@gmail.com by Monday, September 15, 2014.
Applications received after this date will not be considered.
You can add more information.