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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON AND CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH:** JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

**FROM:** RICHARD BLANKENSHIP, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**SUBJECT:** **RATIFICATION OF GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR URBAN FORESTRY IMPROVEMENT IN THE CITY**

**DATE:** NOVEMEBR 17, 2021

**CC:** GENERAL PUBLIC

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**Background:**

City staff is seeking the City Council's ratification of its application for an Urban Forestry Grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture. The grant application was submitted on September 30, 2021, and the deadline for the grant was October 1. If a grant award is received, the funds will be used to improve the urban canopy in the City as well as the provision of free trees to City residents.

The trees would be of a native, non-invasive species.

**Citywide Goal:**

To Build Great Neighborhoods.

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:**

The grant is for \$30,000.00 with a \$30,000.00 match. The City's match will come from in-kind services provided during the installation of trees on City property to include staff time and materials during tree installations and distributions as well as educational elements.

**Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that Resolution No. 128-21 is adopted.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution 128-21
2. Grant Application