

Memo

To: Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

From: Tammy J. Heon; Manager, Tourism Development

cc: Jeffrey Rogers, County Administrator

Date: June 1, 2026

RE: Acknowledgment of Grant Recipient Withdrawal of Application and Award

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Board of County Commissioners that Community Markets and Events has rescinded its TDC Marketing grant application for the Hernando County Blueberry Festival and declined the associated grant award.

Background

Cheryl Taylor, of Community Markets & Events, applied for funding through the TDC Special Event Grant Funding Program. The application was reviewed and approved by the TDC, and a grant award was recommended in the amount of \$3,500.00, subject to the applicable terms and conditions of the program. The grant recommendation was submitted to the BOCC, who approved the grant on April 14, 2026.

Shortly thereafter, Ms. Taylor notified the County that she wished to rescind her grant application and decline the grant award. Staff have reviewed the request and prepared written acknowledgment confirming that the application and award is considered withdrawn.

Staff updated the TDC at the May TDC Meeting. The rescission of the grant application and award will result in the funds remaining unobligated, allowing them to be retained or reallocated for future grant opportunities this year.

Recommendation

This memorandum is provided for the Board's information. No further action is required.