



**Approved in Open Session 5/5/26
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners**

May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Acceptance of two (2) Funding Assistance Awards from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a total of \$30,000.00, Stephanie Garrison, Director of Government Relations - Districts 1 and 3

Category

CONSENT AGENDA

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Stephanie Garrison, Government Relations Director, x5323

Action Requested

1. Acceptance of two (2) FWC awards in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a total of \$30,000.00.
2. Authorization for the County Administrator, or designee, to sign all.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

F.S. 125

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Manatee County has been awarded two grants through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for habitat restoration projects aimed at improving areas at Duette and Perico Preserves for the imperiled gopher tortoise. The awards are both in the amount of \$15,000 to be reimbursed once invoices and final reports are submitted. These projects will fund mechanical vegetation reduction, invasive plant control and plantings aimed at directly improving gopher tortoise habitat at these preserves.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

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Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

\$30,000.00 TOTAL - \$15,000.00 FWC Gopher Tortoise Duette – 117.9019208.337718 / 9019208.9000 RV 117.9019208.5xxxxx / 9019208.91xx XP - FWC Gopher Tortoise Perico – 117.9019209.337718 / 9019209.9000; RV 117.9019209.5xxxxx / 9019209.91xx XP

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

One Time \$30,000.00 TOTAL provided by FWC - \$15,000 for FWC Gopher Tortoise Duette and \$15,000.00 FWC Gopher Tortoise Perico