



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Assistant County Administrator /**  
**Department of General Services**

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**Date:** June 11, 2018

**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

**Thru:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

**Thru:** Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

**From:** Beth Powell, Conservation Lands Manager

**Subject:** Notice of Application for Division of Historic Resources Special Category Grant for the Roseland Community Building

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**DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:**

On April 1, 2018, the Division of Historical Resources' Special Category grant application period opened for the period of 2019-2020. The grant program provides state funds for historic preservation projects. The purpose of the program is to provide funding to assist local, regional and state-wide efforts to preserve significant historic and archaeological resources that will promote knowledge and appreciation of Florida's history. The Roseland Community Building was constructed and utilized as a community center and local meeting place since Indian River County was established in 1925. It has been the main meeting place of the Roseland Women's Club since the late 1920's until damage to the building was discovered in 2017 which has made it unsafe for public occupancy. On March 7, 2017, the Board directed the Public Works Department to stabilize the building through a contract with a licensed general contractor. On June 13, 2017, the Board authorized Work Order No. 7 to MBV Engineering to complete a building and structural engineering analysis to determine the extent of repairs necessary and the associated preliminary costs for repairs. On August 17, 2017, the Final Structural Report was provided to the County which detailed specific areas of repair necessary to stabilize the building and to make it safe for use by the public. On October 17, 2017, Commissioner Adams presented an update to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the Roseland Community Building and the final report of the MBV Work Order #7. The report has been utilized to generate the necessary details for application to the State for funding under the Special Categories Grant which was submitted on June 1, 2018.

**THE PROJECT:**

This grant application centers on funding improvements to the Roseland Community Center. The 1,400 square foot building was constructed in the early 1920's by a local builder with lumber that was salvaged from the Sebastian River Bridge (circa 1900). With the exception of minor improvements in the 1930's (porch enclosed and restroom added) and 1950's (basement added to the west side of the building), the building maintains much of its original character and use. Nestled in the Roseland Community Park, it is the only County building that overlooks the St. Sebastian River. The building has served as the meeting

location of the Roseland Women's Club since the early 1920's and, up until recently, has served the community for various community meetings and events. The County has applied for funding through the Department of State, Florida Division of Historical Resources' Special Category Grant cycle for July 2019-2020. Through this grant, if funded and approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the County proposes to complete items identified in the MBV Engineering assessment dated August 15, 2017. Items of specific need are structural improvements, repainting, repairing rotted/damaged wood and masonry, repairing and refinishing the floors and replacing the roof with a metal roof similar to what was original to the building in the 1920's. A complete copy of the application submitted to the Department of Historical Resources as Special Category Grant – "Roseland Community Building Rehabilitation" is on file at the County Commissioners' Office.

Partners who have shown an interest and provided letters of support are the Roseland Women's Club, Sebastian Area Historical Society, Roseland Community Association, Friends of the St. Sebastian River, Roseland Christian Preschool, Sebastian Property Owners Association, Ecumenical Council Food Pantry, as well as over 500 petitioned signatures on file and various letters of support from individuals..

**FUNDING:**

The total requested from the Division of Historical Resources is \$103,100 with a 50% County match for a total project cost of \$206,200. If funded and approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the County proposes to match the funds with the optional sales tax.

**Attachments:**

\*\*\*Attachment A – Department of Historical Resources Special Category Grant – Roseland Community Building Rehabilitation Grant Application