



AGENDA REPORT
February 12, 2019

**Requesting the Attorney General's Office to Issue Opinion RE: CRA
Expenditures, District 3**

SUBJECT:

Requesting the Attorney General's Office to issue an opinion regarding whether it is lawful for CRAs to expend funds on promotional events such as festivals before completing infrastructure projects.

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 3

REQUESTED ACTION:

Direct the County Attorney's Office to request an opinion from the Florida Attorney General's Office on the following question:

Is it lawful for Community Redevelopment Agencies to expend funds from its redevelopment trust fund on promotional events such as street festivals, whether directly or through a grant to a third-party, before completion of infrastructure projects included in its Redevelopment Plan.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

A question has been raised regarding whether it is acceptable for CRAs to expend their respective trust funds on promotional events such as festivals.

The purpose of this request is to assist all parties involved in resolving this questions. While an opinion of the Attorney General is not binding, such an opinion on the direct question-at-hand would be highly persuasive and could act to prevent future conflict with our municipal partners.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

No Attachments Available



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: John Tobia, District 3 Commissioner

RE: Item J.4., Requesting the Attorney General's Office to Issue Opinion for CRA Expenditures

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 12, 2019, authorized the County Attorney's Office to request an opinion from the Florida Attorney General's Office asking if it is lawful for Community Redevelopment Agencies to expend funds from its redevelopment trust fund on promotional events such as street festivals, whether directly or through a grant by a third-party, before completion of infrastructure projects included in its Redevelopment Plan.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Each Commissioner
County Attorney
County Manager