

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of the Submittal Resolution for the CDBG-EIP Grant Application for Street Paving and Drainage Improvements to Support the Arglass Project

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: November 12, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT: -0-

FUNDING SOURCE:

- () Annual
- () Capital
- (X) N/A
- () SPLOST
- () TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of the Submittal Resolution for the CDBG-EIP Grant Application for Street Paving and Drainage Improvements to Support the Arglass Project

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: In June of this year, it was announced that Arglass Southeast, LLC (Arglass Yamamura) would be locating its new glass container manufacturing facility in Lowndes County, creating 151 new jobs. Arglass will be making a capital investment of \$123.5 million in the new, state-of-the-art facility. The undeveloped property, located just off Rocky Ford Road, where Arglass will construct its facility is in need of street and drainage infrastructure which has a total project cost of \$1,075,591. The job creation and capital investment by Arglass makes this project eligible for Community Development Block Grant-Employment Incentive Program (CDBG-EIP) funding to assist with the construction of the road infrastructure. Lowndes County is applying for \$750,000 in CDBG-EIP funds, and the Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority is funding the remaining \$325,591. Lowndes County is a partner in the application and is not committing to any direct funding in the pursuit of this grant. Any overages or financial commitments to the grant application amount is slated to be paid by the Development Authority. The dominant other costs expected are staff time, attorney time, and DCA oversight. In preparation for submittal of the CDBG-EIP application, a resolution authorizing the application needs to be approved by the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners. The Submittal Resolution is attached for consideration.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve the resolution authorizing the submittal of the CDBG-EIP application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: