



**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION**

**Number:** R25-319

**Subject:** Construction Grant for the 4-H Camp Cherry Lake

**Date:** March 27, 2025

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Representative Al Lawson, Jr. (FL) submitted a Community Project Funding request of \$1,125,000 for the Cherry Lake 4-H Center in Madison in the 2022 House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee bill, aiming to support workforce training for youth and adults seeking entry in agricultural fields by funding the construction of a Multipurpose Building at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Rural Development is administering the funding and requires a grant application before disbursing the funds to the University for the benefit of the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences ("IFAS");

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of IFAS, the UF Research Sponsored Programs Office ("DSP") applied for a Rural Development, Rural Housing Service, Community Facilities Grant, Congressionally Directed Spending (Funding Opportunity Number RD-RHS-CFG-CDS), for the construction of the Multipurpose Building;

**WHEREAS**, the USDA Rural Development, State Director executed a Certification of Approval obligating the funds for this purpose effective October 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition to providing such grant to IFAS, the USDA requires that the University of Florida Board of Trustees adopt a resolution approving acceptance of the grant under the terms offered by the Government and authorizing DSP to execute a Grant Agreement to be issued by the USDA.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the University of Florida Board of Trustees resolves to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,125,000.00 under the terms offered by the USDA; that the authorized representatives to whom the University of Florida Interim President has delegated or delegates authority are hereby authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary or appropriate, including the execution of all written instruments as may be required, in regard to or as evidence of such grant (including, without limitation, a Notice of Federal Interest encumbering the University's interest in the Cherry Lake 4-H Center property); and to operate the facility under the terms offered in said grant agreement(s);

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025 by the University of Florida Board of Trustees.

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Morteza "Mori" Hosseini, Chair

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W. Kent Fuchs, Interim President and Corporate Secretary