



## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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Peter Lee, Ocala City Manager  
Office of the City Manager  
110 SE Watula Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34471

Dear Mr. Lee,

Please accept this letter in response to your request for financial support of the 2025 Patriotic Skies Fourth of July drone show.

After review by the Tourist Development department staff and subsequent clarification with City staff, it was determined that they could reasonably request approval of \$20,000 from the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) fund which left \$55,000 to be funded by the County General Fund. The request was presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) during the board meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The consensus from the Board was to only move forward with requesting the \$20,000 from the TDT, consistent with the amount provided last year. Please be advised that this is subject to being recommended for approval by the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and ultimately being approved by the BCC. We anticipate TDC consideration at their January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and BCC consideration at the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

County staff is available for any assistance that may be needed to facilitate this request.

Sincerely,

Mounir Bouyounes, P.E.  
County Administrator

cc: Angel Roussel, P.E., Assistant County Administrator  
Loretta Shaffer, Tourist Development Director