

**Title:** 2024-270 ConnectFree Funding for New Affordable Housing Projects (B)

**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2024

**Moved by** Mayor Pro Tempore Chestnut

**Seconded by** Commissioner Saco

**Recommendation:** The City Commission 1) hear a presentation; 2) award up to \$475,246.41 in ConnectFree funds to Royal Park Apartments; 3) award up to 102,061.00 in ConnectFree funds to Hawthorne Heights; 4) award up to \$68,269.36 in ConnectFree funds to East University Avenue Cottages; 5) award up to \$32,000.00 in ConnectFree funds to Jessie’s Village; and 6) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any documents necessary to such funding, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality.

**Motion 1:** Approve as recommended for Hawthorne Heights; East University Avenue Cottages, with the understanding that East University Avenue Cottages will be meeting with staff to vet the allowable sewer expenses that they already have in hand with Gainesville Regional Utilities; and Jessie's Village.

**YES: 6**

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**CONFLICT: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**Approved**

**YES: 6**

Commissioner Book  
Mayor Ward

Mayor Pro Tempore  
Chestnut  
Commissioner Willits

Commissioner  
Eastman

Commissioner Saco

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**CONFLICT: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

Commissioner Duncan-  
Walker

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**Motion 2: Approve as recommended for Royal Park Apartments.**

**YES: 2**

**NO: 4**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**CONFLICT: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**Failed**

**YES: 2**

Mayor Pro Tempore  
Chestnut

Commissioner Saco

**NO: 4**

Commissioner Book

Commissioner  
Eastman

Mayor Ward

Commissioner Willits

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**CONFLICT: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

Commissioner Duncan-  
Walker

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**Moved by** Commissioner Eastman

**Seconded by** Commissioner Willits

**Motion 3: Award up to \$250,000 in ConnectFree funds for Royal Park Apartments.**

**YES: 6**

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**CONFLICT: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**Approved**

**YES: 6**

Commissioner Book  
Mayor Ward

Mayor Pro Tempore  
Chestnut  
Commissioner Willits

Commissioner  
Eastman

Commissioner Saco

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**CONFLICT: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

Commissioner Duncan-  
Walker