

21**AGENDA ITEM
ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***Deadline for Submission - Wednesday 9 a.m. – Thirteen Days Prior to BCC Meeting***10/6/2026****BCC MEETING DATE****TO:** Joy Andrews, County Administrator**DATE:** August 25, 2026**FROM:** Tera Meeks, Director, Community and Destination**PHONE:** 904 827-6891**SUBJECT OR TITLE:** Ratifying the administrative submittal of a grant application to the Florida Division of Historical Resources for the acquisition of the Glidden Property, a Land Acquisition and Management Program (LAMP) recommended acquisition previously approved by the Board.**AGENDA TYPE:** Consent Agenda, Grant, Resolution**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, the Chair of the SJC Land Acquisition and Management Program (LAMP) presented the five top-ranked properties recommended for acquisition to the BOCC. The list was approved 5-0 and staff was directed to move forward with negotiations for potential acquisition. The property at 10690 CR 13 North, aka the Glidden property and historically as the Armstrong-Arnold House, was included on this list. The property, built in the mid 1800's is eligible for acquisition funding through a Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources grant. The property is appraised at \$1,136,000 and the local grant match is \$568,000, which could be funded via the LAMP Fiscal Year 2026 reserve funds. Due to time constraints and the unanticipated timing of the grant cycle, the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs was unable to bring the application to the Board prior to submission. This item provides retroactive authorization of the submission of the grant application to the Division of Historical Resources. The acquisition of the Glidden Property will be conditioned on the County's successful procurement of a qualifying contractor to operate and maintain the property on a budget neutral basis

1. IS FUNDING REQUIRED? Yes**2. IF YES, INDICATE IF BUDGETED.** Yes**IF FUNDING IS REQUIRED, MANDATORY OMB REVIEW IS REQUIRED:**

INDICATE FUNDING SOURCE: If awarded, 50% grant match funding would be utilized from the LAMP Fund - LAMP - Capital Outlay Reserve (3447-3448-59927). Continued operating dollars for the property have not yet been identified.

SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-_____, ratifying the administrative submission of a grant application to the Florida Division of Historical Resources Special Category Grant Program for the acquisition of the Armstrong-Arnold House (Glidden Property), in the amount of \$568,000.

For Administration Use Only:**Legal:** Kealey West 9/28/2026**OMB:** ARM 9/28/2026**Admin:** JDD 9/28/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES SPECIAL CATEGORY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE ARMSTRONG-ARNOLD HOUSE (GLIDDEN PROPERTY)

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources Special Categories Grant Program provides funding for acquisition of significant, local historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Land Acquisition and Management Program (LAMP) presented a list of the top five projects recommended for acquisition to the Board of County Commissioners on March 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Arnold-Armstrong House, also known as the Glidden Property, located at 10690 County Road 13 N in Picolata, constructed in approximately 1874, was one of the properties included on LAMP's recommended acquisition list and it is also listed as a St. Johns County cultural resource; and

WHEREAS, the recommended LAMP list was approved for acquisition unanimously by the BOCC; and

WHEREAS, the Special Categories grant is a competitive grant program administered by the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources that provides a 50% State Match for identified cultural resources and the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs recommended submission of a grant application for the acquisition of the Glidden Property; and

WHEREAS, it is further recommended that acquisition of the Glidden Property be conditioned on the County's successful procurement of a qualifying contractor to operate and maintain the property on a budget neutral basis; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition cost is estimated at \$1,136,000 and 50% local match funding is available within the LAMP Fiscal Year 2026 reserves; and

WHEREAS, due to the short grant application window (June 1, 2026 to July 10, 2026), St. Johns County administratively submitted a grant application in the amount of \$568,000, to preserve eligibility for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to ratify the administrative submission of the grant application and acknowledge the proposed match funding, with all funding commitments and purchase and sale agreement subject to approval; and

WHEREAS, none of the requirements, restrictions, and/or obligations associated with the award of a grant under the Program, or the grant itself would negatively impact the interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, applying for a grant under the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources Special Categories Program serves the overall interest of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this resolution and are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby ratifies the administrative submission of the grant application to the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources Special Categories Grant Program for the acquisition of the Glidden Property, subject to the above-stated condition, in the amount of \$568,000.

Section 3. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this resolution, this resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 6th day of October 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Clay Murphy, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon Patty, Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk