



# SANTA ROSA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Shawn Ward, AICP, Long Range Planning Manager

**THROUGH:** Beckie Cato, AICP, Planning Director

**SUBJECT:** Grant Application for Pace Area Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

**DATE:** April 4, 2016

### DISCUSSION

Recommend approval of grant application for the 2016 Cultivating Healthy Communities to the Aetna Foundations and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents.

### BACKGROUND

The Aetna Foundation is awarding up to \$2 million in grants to organizations. They recognize that individual health is rooted in the community: in the places where we live, learn, work, play, and pray. By increasing the opportunities to make healthy choices in these places, we can empower whole communities to lead healthier lives.

Stage 1 of the grant is due April 15, 2016. Applicants whose Stage 1 applications pass through the initial review will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application. Aetna Foundation awards grants only for \$50,000 and \$100,000. Staff recommends applying for \$50,000 and the projects must start between August 15, 2016 and October 15, 2016.

Note: This is in addition to the request earlier on this agenda to apply for a similar grant with DEO.

### Next Steps

Upon approval by the board, the grant application will be developed and submitted by the deadline. If awarded, the county will work with the Aetna Foundation to process the grant and begin the Pace/Pea Ridge Bicycle Pedestrian Plan.