

**Indian River County
Interoffice Memorandum
Office of Management and Budget**

To: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

Date: August 23, 2022

From: Kristin Daniels
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Subject: 211's Request to be Categorized as a Quasi-Nonprofit Agency

Background

During the Fiscal Year 2022/23 (FY 22/23) Budget Workshop held on July 13th, 2022, a request was made by 211, which is currently classified as a nonprofit agency, to be reclassified to a quasi-nonprofit agency. 211 also requested that the Board consider funding their FY 22/23 full request of \$18,500, which is an increase of \$6,690 over their recommended funding of \$11,810 for the upcoming fiscal year. This request is intended to fund the newly implemented 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, as well as additional 211 expenses allocated to service Indian River County residents.

According to the County's Outside Agency Funding Policy, funding increases for nonprofit agencies are to be capped at the annual rate of inflation each fiscal year. For FY 22/23, the rate of inflation for April 2022 was 8.8%, which is the increase that was recommended for agencies the County classifies as nonprofit. Quasi-nonprofit agencies are defined by the Outside Agency Funding Policy as the following:

"Quasi-nonprofit agencies provide services the County is mandated to provide by law, legislation, or the County's Comprehensive Plan. If these agencies did not provide such services, the County would have to provide them instead. Relationships between the County and quasi-nonprofit agencies are typically governed by contractual agreements."

Quasi-nonprofit agencies' funding is not capped by the annual rate of inflation. After hearing 211's request to be reclassified, the Board directed Staff to research the issue.

Analysis

On August 10, 2022, Staff met with 211 to discuss the reclassification request, and qualifications for becoming a designated quasi-nonprofit. Subsequently on August 19th, Staff received an email from 211 stating that the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline services are not a mandated expenditure. Because Indian River County is not required by law, legislation, or the County's Comprehensive Plan to provide this service, Staff is recommending that 211 remain classified as a non-profit agency. Furthermore, 211 will continue to be subjected to the annual funding increases capped at the rate of inflation, which is what the FY 22/23 recommended budget contains.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners continue funding 211 as a nonprofit agency.

Attachment

Outside Agency Funding Policy
Email dated August 19, 2022 from Kathy Cambron – 211 Board Member