

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Honorable Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners

**THROUGH:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

**THROUGH:** Tad Stone, Director  
Department of Emergency Services

**FROM:** Stephen R. Greer, Captain  
Fire Rescue Division

**DATE:** November 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Approval of FY 2020/2021 EMS County Awards Grant: Purchase of Capital/Operating Equipment Using Non-Matching EMS Grant Funds and Grant Resolution

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It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners at the next regular scheduled meeting.

**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), is authorized by Chapter 401, Part II, Florida Statutes, to distribute county grant funds. The funds are then made available to eligible county governments to improve and expand their prehospital emergency medical services. The grant program is an innovative process, which enables EMS agencies to enhance EMS systems through the Board of County Commissioners.

It should be noted that the conditions of the grant require the County to ensure that the EMS grant funds will not be used to supplant or replace any existing EMS budget allocations and the resolution must include a statement to that effect. The grant conditions also require a separate accounting of the EMS funds from all other funds. Historically, the County Awards Grant has been used to purchase medical related equipment or equipment that will assist in the delivery of the service.

**ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS:**

The county grant funds are derived from surcharges on various traffic violations. Funding in the amount of \$18,951.00 has been allocated to Indian River County for FY 2020/2021. The grant funds will be utilized as indicated in the grant application for equipment and

services to improve and expand the Advanced/Basic Life Support EMS prehospital system. The equipment proposed and justification for purchase in the expenditure plan is as follows:

**Elegard Head's Up CPR Device**

The three (3) Elegard Head's Up CPR Device are state of the art Mechanical Device's which will aid us in performing continuous chest compressions as recommended in the 2020 AHA CPR Guidelines. This device will elevate the head and torso to documented levels to have a better chance of obtaining Return of Spontaneous Circulation, (ROSC).

**FUNDING:**

No local funds are utilized in the execution of this grant. These grant dollars are from allocated monies through surcharges on certain traffic violations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the FY 2020/2021 EMS Grant and resolution to purchase the equipment as noted in the attachments. Staff further recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary documents to obtain funds from the Department of Health in the amount of \$18,951.00 and authorize budget amendments, as required, to receive and expend the grant funds.

In order to comply with the requirements of this Grant, staff is also seeking authorization for the establishment of a unique accounting code designator for all County Awards Grant deposits, disbursements, interests accrual and rollover of funds, as they are required to be maintained in a separate fund or account for inspection by the State EMS Monitoring and Compliance Unit.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Copy of Grant Application
2. IRC Grant Form
3. Resolution