

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

To: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

Date: March 11, 2025

From: Kristin Daniels
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Subject: Outside Agency Funding Policy Revisions – Tourist Tax Revenue Allocation

Background

The Board of County Commissioners established an Outside Agency Funding Policy on February 19, 2002. Revisions to the policy were subsequently made on November 3, 2009, May 16, 2017, March 15, 2022 and again on August 16, 2022. Periodically, the policy needs to be reviewed and updated in order to memorialize any necessary changes.

On November 5, 2024, the voters of Indian River County voted in favor of levying an additional one cent of Tourist Development Tax. On December 3, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved amending the Tourist Tax distribution to allocate 2 cents to Tourism Development Funds, up from the previous $1\frac{2}{3}$ cents, generating an additional \$258,647 towards funding Tourism Development Agencies. The allocation to the County's Coastal Engineering Fund was also increased to $2\frac{3}{4}$ cents, from $2\frac{1}{12}$ cents, generating an additional \$517,604.

Because the Tourist Development Agencies section of the Outside Agency Funding Policy references the amount of Tourist Tax levied as well as the distribution, revisions to the Policy must be made to reflect these changes. The attached Outside Agency Funding Policy March 2025 Strikethrough Version document details the requested changes.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the aforementioned revisions to the Outside Agency Funding Policy.

Attachment

Agenda Item from December 3, 2024
Proposed Outside Agency Funding Policy
Outside Agency Funding Policy March 2025 Strikethrough Version