

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Tad Stone, Director
Department of Emergency Services

FROM: Cory S. Richter, Assistant Chief
Fire Rescue Division

DATE: September 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Approval of FY 2018/2019 EMS County Awards Grant: Purchase of Capital/Operating Equipment Using Non-Matching EMS Grant Funds and Grant Resolution

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 grant conditions 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 \$19,731.00 has been allocated to Indian River County for FY 2018/2019. 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:

Documed Interface with TrackEMS

Add an interface with TrackEMS to populate patient data directly to our incident report system.

Ballistic Armor

Add additional ballistic armor to current supply to allow for a more coordinated Hostile Event Response.

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 2018/2019 EMS Grant and resolution to purchase the equipment and services 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 \$19,731.00 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 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. IRC Grant Form
2. Copy of Grant Application
3. Resolution