



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
Department of General Services
Parks & Recreation

Date: January 25, 2021

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Through: Jason Brown, County Administrator
Michael Zito, Assistant County Administrator

From: Kevin M. Kirwin, Director, Parks and Recreation

Subject: Notice of Grant Award from the Florida Blue Foundation – Park-Based Activities to Decrease Loneliness in Vulnerable Seniors

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

Indian River County, Parks and Recreation in collaboration with the Indian River County, Department of Health, Protocol for Accessing Community Excellence Program (PACE) Program applied for and was awarded a grant from the Florida Blue Foundation. The award of this grant is to provide programs and wellness equipment for seniors (adults 55+) in two areas of Indian River County. The purpose of these programs is to improve senior mental wellbeing, reduce loneliness and enhance physical wellness. The award of \$195,000 is to fund a Senior Wellness Coordinator position and the instillation of two accessible outdoor wellness and fitness equipment clusters. The Senior Wellness Coordinator position will be funded by this grant for three years. Parks and Recreation will seek grant and funding opportunities to extend this position past the term of this grant, otherwise this position would sunset.

The senior wellness programs and instillations will take place at West Wabasso Park, 8900 64th Avenue and at the Intergenerational Center, 1590 9th St SW over a three-year period commencing with the execution of the grant agreement.

FUNDING

The funding in this grant agreement provides for total award of \$195,000 and requires no match of County Funds. Of the \$195,000, \$121,800 is for salary and benefit costs for the Senior Wellness Coordinator position, and \$61,500 is to fund the purchase and installation of the two fitness zones. The balance of the funding is to cover promotional and educational expenses and program supplies. The grant agreement allows for deviations of up to ten-percent of the total grant to cover higher than anticipated line item costs. A budget amendment will fund the grant and expenditures in MSTU Fund/Recreation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board accept this grant from Florida Blue Foundation and authorize the Chairman to execute the Florida Blue Foundation, Mental Well-Being Grant Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Florida Blue Foundation – Mental Well-Being Grant Agreement
Attachment B – Indian River County Grant Form