

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
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CONSENT

TO: Honorable Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: John King, Director
Department of Emergency Services

THROUGH: Etta LoPresti, Emergency Management Coordinator

FROM: Rachel Ivey, Emergency Management Planner

DATE: October 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Approval of Expenditures of the 2017/2018 Federally-Funded Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Sub-Grant

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

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) enhances community resilience. The Indian River County CERT program delivers basic disaster training and safety equipment to county residents. A significant disaster may overwhelm public safety creating a delayed response. CERT teams then check on and assist their neighbors. CERT is open to all adult residents regardless of age or ability (including the elderly or disabled.) CERT falls under the direction of public safety officials once they arrive. The creation of a CERT is driven by a request from neighborhoods, HOAs, faith based groups and communities. Annually, Volunteer Florida, through the executive office of the Governor, administers the CERT sub-grant following authorization in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and State Rule Chapter 9G-6, Florida Administrative Code. Funding for the CERT sub-grant is used to establish and sustain the Indian River County CERT program through Indian River County Emergency Management.

FUNDING:

This is a 100% federally funded sub-grant expenditure request consistent with the Florida Division of Emergency Management directives. An in-kind match is required from Indian River County which is fulfilled with items such as donated equipment and volunteer hours. No additional funding is required. The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

| Item | Amount | Account Number |
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| Safety Equipment for CERT members and supplies for trainings & exercises | \$3,070.00 | 00120825-035290-17814 |
| Public Outreach and training materials | \$3,930.00 | 00120825-034720-17814 |
| Total | \$7,000.00 | |

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the grant and the expenditures as directed in the Federally Funded Sub-grant Agreements. Volunteer Florida recognizes line-item changes may occur after execution of the contract (i.e. due to cost savings or reprioritization by Volunteer Florida), with their written approval. For these reasons, staff requests authorization to make these adjustments rather than return the funding for reallocation to other counties.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Indian River County Office of Budget and Management Grant Form
2. Four (4) Original Copies of Agreement