

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director

THROUGH: Kendra Cope, M.S., Natural Resources Manager

FROM: Molly Klinepeter, Lagoon Plan Environmental Specialist

SUBJECT: **Acceptance of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Grant FY19/20**

DATE: October 11, 2019

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

In late April 2019, the County received notification that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) was soliciting technical assistance grant requests for State FY 2019/20. Staff responded to the DEO solicitation on May 13, 2019 and requested \$30,000 to assist with the Research and Review phase for the development of Indian River County Lagoon Management Plan (IRL Plan). This initial phase will help lay the groundwork for the IRL Plan by collecting data from regulatory agencies, universities, and other known partners of the Indian River Lagoon. Staff will then evaluate the available data to identify current informational gaps, formulate recommendations for future research and the next phase of the IRL Plan's development, and disseminate information gathered and learned through engaging public platforms.

On July 16, 2019, staff was notified DEO accepted the staff's proposal for the full amount of \$30,000. This is a 100 percent cost reimbursement grant and provides supplemental funding for work that will be completed during the Research and Review phase. All work completed under this grant is required to be finished prior to June 30, 2020.

FUNDING

Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 are available in General Fund/Lagoon/Other Professional Services- Acct # 00128337-033190.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the DEO grant, funding in the amount of \$30,000.00, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County. Following Board approval, the County will transmit two partially executed Agreements to the DEO for final signatures. Upon receipt of one fully executed original agreement from the DEO, staff will transmit to the Clerk to the Board of County Commission for recording.

ATTACHEMENT

IRC Grant Form
DEO Grant Agreement

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: November 5, 2019