



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
BOARD MEMORANDUM



Date: December 9, 2016
To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
From: Vincent Burke, Director of Utility Services
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Subject: **Request for General Funds - PACE Project and Other Community Project FY2016-17**

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITONS:

The Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) has in the past used the General Fund to cover the disposal cost for fees associated with community projects, including the Florida Department of Health in Indian River County (FDOH-IRC) Environmental Health's Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence (PACE) program. The PACE project focuses on identifying issues in a community, one of which is abandoned homes. These abandoned homes pose safety and health hazards, and provide safe havens for drug dealers. It has been determined that there are several homes that need to be demolished in order to affect the well-being of the community. Other community projects include removing illegal public dumping and Keep Indian River Beautiful (KIRB) clean-up projects that involve volunteers throughout our community. Last fiscal year, the SWDD Board approved an allocation of \$6,000 from the General Fund, which was utilized for disposal of approximately 125.80 tons, or 251,600 pounds, in the amount of \$2,334.44. The PACE/charity projects utilized \$1,524.73 last year, Indian River Farms utilized \$749.85, and \$59.86 was used for other cleanup/illegal dumping projects with the remaining funding of \$3,665.56 being unused.

SWDD has received the attached request from Cheryl Dunn, Environmental Manager at the FDOH-IRC, for an allocation of \$6,000 for next year. Based on last year's usage, staff recommends a total \$6,000 funding to cover anticipated usage for all cleanup/illegal dumping projects.

ANALYSIS:

Each project will have labor and machinery donated toward this effort. It is the request of the partners involved in each project that the Board of County Commissioners allocates funds to cover associated landfill fees. This will include disposal of debris from the demolition and reconstruction of homes involved in the PACE project, and illegal public dumping debris that is cleaned up by County/SWDD staff or by volunteers organized by KIRB. The total estimated landfill fees are not expected to exceed \$6,000.00 for all projects involved in clean-up efforts.

FUNDING:

The funding to cover landfill disposal fees for cleanup events and illegal dumping debris is available through the general fund reserve for contingency account.

Description	Account Number	Amount
General Fund - Planning Other Professional Services	00120415-033190	\$6,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize up to \$6,000.00 to be donated to various PACE/illegal dumping projects from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for the sole purpose of paying associated landfill fees.

ATTACHMENTS: December 6, 2016 Letter from Health Department