

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



October 15, 2018

Mr. Wesley Maul
Director
Florida Division of Emergency Management
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Mr. Maul:

Indian River County is an award recipient of the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Grant. Per Chapter 27P-19.011(2) of the Florida Administrative Code, if the Base Grant recipient does not comply with the match requirements in subsection 27P-19.011(1), the recipient may request that the Division authorize a reduction in the amount of the match required. Please consider this letter as Indian River County's request for a reduction in the required match.

Due to employee turnover, Indian River County's Emergency Management Agency has seen a reduction of \$79,879 or 15.9% from last year's budget and \$32,875 or 7.2% from the average of the previous three years' budgets. The Agency's long time Emergency Management Director retired in April of 2018 which caused an employee training overlap and a vacation payout. These circumstances caused the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/18 budget to be higher than any other previous year. Although staff does not anticipate the budget reaching FY 2017/18 figures again soon, returning to previous budget levels is expected to happen by FY 2019/20.

Enclosed please find the requested financial data for the previous three years and the budget detail regarding all individual items of the County Emergency Management Agency's budget.

Indian River County appreciates your attention to this matter and looks forward to returning to previous funding levels. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Daniels at (772) 226-1307.

Sincerely,

Peter D. O'Bryan
Chairman, Indian River County Board of County Commissioners