

**Indian River County, Florida  
Solid Waste Disposal District  
Board Memorandum**

**Date:** April 23, 2021  
**To:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
**From:** Vincent Burke, PE, Director of Utility Services  
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**Subject:** Request for General Funds - PACE Project and Other Community Projects FY2020-21

**Descriptions and Conditions:**

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 (FDOH) in Indian River County, Division of 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 havens for drug dealers and other criminal activities. It has been determined that there are homes that need to be demolished in order to enhance the well-being of the community. Other community projects include removing illegal dumping and other clean-up projects that involve volunteers throughout our community.

SWDD has received the attached request from Julianne Price, Environmental Health Manager at FDOH in Indian River County, for an allocation of \$6,000 for this fiscal year. Staff supports this request and recommends a total of \$9,000 in funding to cover the pledge of \$2,000 per year to the Indian River Farms Water Control District and for \$1,000 for other cleanup/illegal dumping projects.

**Analysis:**

For each PACE EH project, labor and machinery will be donated towards the cleanup effort. It is the request of the partners involved in each project that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) allocate funds to cover associated landfill disposal 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. The total estimated landfill fees are not expected to exceed \$9,000.00 for all projects involved in clean-up efforts.

**Funding:**

The funding to cover landfill disposal fees for cleanup events and illegal dumping debris totaling \$6,000 is budgeted and available in the General Fund/Planning/Other Professional Services account (00120415-033190). The remaining \$3,000 will be on a future budget amendment from Reserve for Contingency.

Description	Account Number	Amount
General Fund – Planning - Other Professional Services	00120415-033190	\$9,000.00

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize up to \$9,000.00 to be donated to various Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence (PACE)/illegal dumping projects for the sole purpose of paying associated landfill fees.

**Attachment:**

Letter from Health Department