



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Deputy County Administrator /
Community Services

Date: December 12, 2023
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Cindy Emerson, Community Services Director
From: Leigh Anne Uribe, Human Services Program Coordinator
Subject: Renewal of Florida Power and Light (FP&L) Care to Share Agreement

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Power and Light (FPL) Care to Share Program offers emergency assistance to eligible Indian River County residents facing difficulties in paying overdue FPL power bills. Previously, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners entered a five-year agreement with FPL to oversee the administration of the Care to Share Program. Attached is a copy of the proposed renewal agreement to be entered between FPL and Indian River County.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

The "Care to Share" program, established by FPL, relies on contributions from the utility's customers, shareholders, and employee contributions to offer emergency energy assistance to low-income residents in Indian River County. This aid specifically targets those facing financial emergencies in settling overdue power bills from FPL.

Under this renewed agreement, FPL's Area Business Specialist will act as the primary contact with the County's Community Services Department through the Human Services Division. The program is designed to be a last-resort funding option, stepping in only after exhausting all available Federal and State resources.

Administratively, the program is found to be easily manageable, imposing minimal strain on existing staff. It serves as a supplementary source of non-governmental funds to assist citizens in energy crisis situations. The aim is to continue supporting individuals in need while ensuring efficient collaboration with existing public resources.

Contributions from FPL received

FY 2018	\$22,324.36
FY 2019	\$75,552.49
FY 2020	\$32,338.91
FY 2021	\$75,389.58
FY 2022	\$95,746.99

FUNDING:

The FPL Care to Share Program is fully funded through financial contributions made by FPL shareholders, employees and customers. No County funding is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Board approve the renewal of the Care to Share agreement with Florida Power & Light and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

ATTACHEMENTS:

FPL Care to Share Program Agreement