

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: John Titkanich, County Administrator
David Johnson, Director of Emergency Services
David Rattray, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: David Kiernan, Assistant Fire Chief
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DATE: July 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Grant

It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the District Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting, on July 11th, 2023.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

The Florida Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program (FFCDEGP) was established by Florida Statute 633.137 and F.A.C 69A-37.503 to help protect the health and safety of firefighters and provide financial assistance to help fire departments, procure equipment, supplies, and educational training designed to mitigate exposure to hazardous, cancer-causing chemicals. The application period will be open from July 3, 2023, and closes on July 24, 2023. This grant only requires a 25% County match.

If awarded, funds will be utilized to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for operational personnel. The funds will purchase a second set of structural firefighting gloves (\$122.88 each), particulate SCBA hood (\$153.84 each), and helmet inserts (\$48.57 each) for 325 personnel members. Currently each firefighter is issued one (1) set of structural firefighting gear which includes helmet, coat, pants, gloves, and SCBA hood. Purchasing a secondary set of structural firefighting gloves, SCBA particulate hood, and helmet insert will help to reduce firefighter exposure to possible carcinogenic contaminants. In total, these additional items cost \$105,719.25. The grant would cover 75% of these costs, or \$79,289.44, while the County would be responsible for the remaining 25%, or \$26,429.81.

FUNDING:

Funding, in the amount of \$26,429.81, for the County’s share, along with the \$79,289.44 from the Grant, for a total of \$105,719.25 will be budgeted and available in the Emergency Services District/Fire Rescue/Personal Protective Equipment account, number 11412022-035241.

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Emergency Services District/Fire Rescue/Personal Protective Equipment	11412022-035241	\$105,719.25

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board authorize consent for application submission to The Florida Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program. Authorize consent for application submission with the Purchasing Manager, and funding approved by the Budget office.

ATTACHMENTS:

- MES-Helmet Inners Quote
- Ten-8-Structural Gloves Quote
- Bullard-Structural Hood Quote
- Notice of Funding Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Grant