



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services

Date: October 3, 2017

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

Subject: Fairgrounds License Agreement – State of Florida, Department of Children & Families Services – Disaster SNAP Program

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

In response to Hurricane Irma and the declaration of the State of Emergency by the Governor, the Florida Department of Children & Families Services is administering the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) (also known as Food for Florida) throughout the state. A location for Indian River County that could accommodate the number of individuals who may apply for benefits under this program was sought. Because of the size and location, the Indian River County Fairgrounds was the preferred location to host the Indian River County D-SNAP program.

Up to 80,000 individuals are identified as being eligible for the program in Indian River County and an anticipated 20,000 individuals are expected to attend the registration process from October 6-10, 2017. The D-SNAP program provides short-term food assistance benefits to families who were living or working in the disaster area at the time of the disaster. Eligible individuals and families must have suffered a disaster-related loss, such as damage to their homes or self-employment property, loss of food, reduction or loss of income, or have incurred other disaster related expenses. Eligible households receive one month of benefits, equivalent to the maximum amount of benefits normally issued to a SNAP household of their size.

The Fairgrounds License Template Agreement was modified to waive fees and modify certain insurance requirements. The modified agreement was approved and signed by the Assistant County Administrator, Michael Zito, under Jason Brown's authority pursuant to Resolution 2016-120. The Fairgrounds Agricultural Expo Pavilion, parking and restrooms will be utilized by the Department of Children and Family Services from October 3, 2017-October 1, 2017, for the purposes of the D-SNAP program. All fees have been waived for this event.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Executed Fairgrounds License Agreement
Attachment B – D-SNAP Information