



## **INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF UTILITY SERVICES**

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**Date:** August 27, 2018  
**To:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
**From:** Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services  
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**Subject:** West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer Approval of FDEP Funding Agreement

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### **DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:**

On May 1, 2018, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorized staff to seek additional grant funding opportunities for the West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer project.

On June 7, 2018, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced that Indian River County was awarded \$450,000 in funding for the West Wabasso Phase II Septic to Sewer Project. Funding will be made available through a cost reimbursement grant, which will require execution of a grant agreement with the FDEP.

### **ANALYSIS/ENGINEERING:**

In order to secure the funding, the following needed to be done:

- Agreement Contact Information form,
- A Grant Work Plan; and,
- Certificate of Insurance Coverage or letter from the community or agency's Chief Financial Officer stating that the Grantee is self-insured.

The above information was prepared by staff and forwarded to FDEP for their preparation of the final agreement. On August 9, 2018, FDEP forwarded the final grant Agreement No. NS045 which expires February 28, 2020.

### **FINANCING/FUNDING:**

The estimated construction cost is \$2,500,000. The FDEP grant will pay \$450,000 towards the construction cost. Other funding sources are as follows:

- Indian River County pledged funding up to \$1,475,000, as approved by the BCC on May 1, 2018.
- Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP) funding award of \$200,000. Please note that agreement has not been finalized.

- Saint Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Cost-Share Grant. Please note that the SJRWMD cost-share funding amount will be based on 33% of the actual construction cost for a maximum grant funding of \$825,000.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement No. NS045 and requests the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the Chairman to execute the same on their behalf. Please note that if, during the procurement process, bids are much higher than the engineer's opinion of probable cost, the County has the option to close the agreement early without addressing any construction. The early closeout of the agreement would be brought as a new item to the board at that time.

**ATTACHMENT(s):**

1. FDEP Standard Grant Agreement No. NS045 (33 Pages)
2. Indian River County Grant Form