



# Sheriff Deryl Loar

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

June 15, 2017

Grants program Directorate

**RE: Justification Letter, Equipment Purchase, Operation Stonegarden FY 2017**

Please accept this letter of justification for equipment requested in our Fiscal Year 2017 Operation Stonegarden application. The following is a request for one offshore boat, outfitted with standard law enforcement equipment, including a trailer, under AEL #17WC-00-BOAT-Watercraft, per the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) to be used by Indian River County Sheriff's Office.

- (1) Offshore vessel with appropriate specialized equipment, designed to perform prevention and response missions within waterways of Indian River County. \$290,000.00
  - a. Offshore Vessel with equipment \$270,505.00
  - b. Trailer to transport Vessel \$19,495

**Specifications:** (1) 2017 or 2018 model year offshore capable 29' or 30' vessel with center console and collar system, or equivalent. The vehicle will be marked with graphics bearing "Indian River County Sheriff's Office" as well as "Purchased with DHS funds for Operation Stonegarden Use" per the NOFO instructions. Vessel will be equipped with all standard law enforcement patrol equipment and communication equipment consistent with current fleet requirements. Standard fleet requirements including, but not limited to, radio, GPS capabilities, high visibility LED light bar, high output public address system, console, seating, secure weapons boxes, canvas enclosure for center console, monitors, coatings, motors, flood lights, batteries, trailer, and shipping. Other items and supplies above grant funding will be purchased separately by the Indian River County Sheriff's Office.

**Justification:** Indian River County encompasses twenty-two and a half (22 1/2) miles of relatively unincorporated Florida coastline with an inlet at its North end. The closest Ports patrolled by federal forces are Cape Canaveral to the North and Fort Pierce to the south, leaving Indian River County susceptible to illegal entry along its waterways. Indian River County Sheriff's Office has been partnering with Border Patrol through Operation Stonegarden since 2014, requesting strictly overtime reimbursement. We have utilized our boat and aircraft at no cost to the grant for joint effort Stonegarden operations. Our current vessel is fifteen years old and a 23' fishing style boat. The new vessel, by style and size, would extend the life of our current fleet, allow for offshore patrols, present a boat that is easily recognizable as law enforcement, offer a high/soft side design allowing for tie-off onto another vessel without causing damage to either vessel, offer a collar flotation design that allows for on/off-loading people and/or contraband without fear of taking on water or injury to personnel, and is large enough to deploy to additional Homeland Security and/or Border Patrol efforts.

**Maintenance and Fuel Costs:** All maintenance and fuel costs associated with the vessel will be paid for from Indian River County Sheriff's Office general operating funds.

Respectfully,

Deryl Loar, Sheriff

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