



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

Date: August 22, 2018

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Through: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

From: Leigh Ann Uribe, Human Services Director

Subject: Renewal of Florida Power & Light (FP&L) Care to Share Agreement

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Attached, is a copy of a proposed renewal agreement to be entered into between Florida Power and Light (FP&L) and Indian River County. The "Care To Share" program is established by FP&L via contributions from the electrical utility's customers to provide emergency energy assistance to low-income residents in Indian River County, who are in special need of emergency funding to pay a delinquent power bill from FP&L.

Pursuant to this renewal agreement, FP&L's Assistance and Referral Representatives (ASSIST Reps) will serve as the utility's primary liaison on a day-to-day basis with the County's Human Services Department. FP&L has found the "Care To Share" Program to be a great match for other Health and Human Services type departments. The program tends to align well with the missions of these departments to assist residents in need and to help foster self-sufficiency. The FP&L program is intended to be a funding option of last resort after all Federal and State resources have been used.

Staff has found this program to be relatively easy to administer and does not cause any significant burden on existing staff. The program will continue providing a source of non-governmental funds that can be used to help citizens in an energy crisis situation, and will continue to supplement public funding that is provided through the Human Services operation of Indian River County.

Contribution from FP&L received during FY 2015-16 totaled \$37,417. The following year, FY 2016-17, was \$30,349. Thus far, this FY 2017-18, the total funds received to-date is \$47,272.

FUNDING:

No County funding is required for this task.

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.

ATTACHMENT:

FP&L Care to Share® Program Agreement

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2018