

**Indian River County, Florida
Solid Waste Disposal District
Board Memorandum**

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To: Solid Waste Disposal District Board of Commissioners

Through: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
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Subject: Request for General Fund funds for PACE EH and Other Community Cleanup Projects

Descriptions and Conditions:

The Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) has in the past used the General Fund to cover the disposal cost for fees associated with community projects including the Florida Department of Health in Indian River County Environmental Health section's PACE EH (Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health) program. The PACE EH project focuses on identifying issues in a community, one of which is abandoned homes. These abandoned homes pose safety and health hazards and provide safe havens for drug dealers. It has been determined that there are several homes that need to be demolished to affect the well-being of the community. Other community projects include removing illegal public dumping and non-profit organization clean-up projects that involve volunteers throughout our community. Previously, the Board approved an allocation of \$6,000 from the General Fund which was utilized for disposal of approximately 315.85 tons or 631,700 pounds in the amount of \$2,096.36. The PACE EH/charity projects utilized \$1,139.33 last year, and \$957.03 was used for other cleanup/illegal dumping projects with the remaining unused funding of \$3,903.64.

SWDD has received the attached request from Julianne R. Price, Environmental Administrator at the Health Department, for an allocation of \$6,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025. Based on last year's usage, staff recommends a total of \$6,000 in funding to cover the pledge of \$2,000 per year to the Indian River Farms Water Control District and for other cleanup/illegal dumping projects.

Discussion:

Each project will have labor and machinery donated toward this effort. It is the request of the partners involved in each project that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) allocates funds

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to cover associated landfill fees. This will include disposal of debris from the demolition and reconstruction of homes involved in the PACE EH project, and illegal public dumping debris that is cleaned up by County/SWDD staff or by volunteers organized by non-profit organizations. The total estimated landfill fees are not expected to exceed \$6,000.00 for all projects involved in clean-up efforts.

Funding:

The funding to cover landfill disposal fees for cleanup events and illegal dumping debris will be made available via budget amendment to the General Fund/Planning/Other Professional Services account, number 00120415-033190.

Description	Fund	Amount
General Fund - Planning Other Professional Services	00120415-033190	\$6,000

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize up to \$6,000.00 to be donated to various PACE EH/illegal dumping projects from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for the sole purpose of paying associated landfill fees.

Attachment:

Letter from the Florida Department of Health in Indian River County