



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department**  
**Recreation Division**

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**Date:** August 7, 2024  
**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
**Thru:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator  
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director  
**From:** Gustavo Vergara, Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
**Subject:** National Park and Recreation Association Memorandum of Understanding for  
Million Coaches Challenge Grant Program

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**BACKGROUND:**

In the spring of 2024, the National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) provided a grant opportunity to parks and recreation agencies and non-profits for free virtual or in person training for staff and volunteer coaches. The Million Coaches Challenge Grant Program goal is to equip youth sports coaches and volunteers, after school administrators, summer camp counselors, seasonal staff, and other professionals working closely with youth, with the knowledge and skills to support positive youth development. With the myriad of sport and youth programs offered by the Department, Staff applied for the grant as increased training for all staff and volunteer coaches will improve the level of service provided to the children in our community.

**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:**

Indian River County Parks, Recreation, and Conservation was chosen as one of the thirty grantees that received this training opportunity. The training will be provided through partner agencies such as the Center for Healing and Justice Through Sport, Nike in partnership with the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, Positive Coaching Alliance, and the United States Soccer Foundation. The requirements of the grant are that the Department host the virtual trainings and partner with NRPA and the coach training provider to measure the impact of training. The training must be complete by December 31, 2024. Staff will also work with the Indian River County School District to allow access to this training for their volunteer coaches.

**FUNDING:**

No funding is required for the subject task.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners accept the Million Coaches Challenge Grant and authorize the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding after review and approval by the County Attorney.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Memorandum of Understanding between National Recreation and Park Association, Inc. and Indian River County, Parks, Recreation, and Conservation for Million Coaches Challenge Grant.

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR AUGUST 20, 2024**