

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date:	March 13, 2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular
		<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
Department:	Fire-Rescue		

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to ratify:

- A) ratify** a FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) grant application electronically submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on February 1, 2018, requesting \$98,807 to fund 90% of the purchase of 149 single gas monitors, for a term beginning twelve months from the date of award; and
- B) authorize** the County Administrator or designee, to act as the County's representative for the purpose of electronically signing and submitting the FY 2017 AFG grant application, including Applicant Acknowledgements, and Assurances and Certifications via the DHS FEMA website.

**Summary:** This grant application requests \$98,807 from DHS FEMA for the purchase of 149 single gas monitors. The total project cost identified in the grant application is \$108,687. The required match for this grant is \$9,880 (10% of the federal share), which will be funded from Fire Rescue's contingency reserve and has been included in the FY 2018 budget.



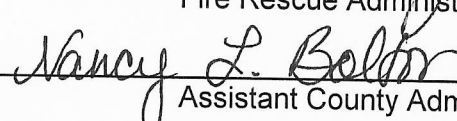
Fire Rescue has partnered with the University of Miami (UM) for cancer research, prevention, education and support. Firefighters are exposed to extreme hazardous environments containing hundreds of unmonitored toxins, and UM's research demonstrates the significance of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) that contain known and suspected carcinogens. If awarded, the grant will provide funding for 149 single gas monitors that have the capability of detecting VOCs. These monitors will be placed on all response vehicles to ensure that at least one gas monitor is on every incident. Countywide (SB)

**Background and Justification:** The FY 2017 AFG Program is a competitive grant program designed to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and State Fire Training Academies for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

The AFG Program requires submission of grant applications by electronic format in order to assure an efficient review and competitive scoring of all funding requests submitted under this program. The deadline for submission of this grant application to the grantor agency was 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2018. Due to the preparation time, submittal deadlines, and BCC meeting dates, the grant application had to be submitted prior to full Board approval. Pursuant to Section 309.00 of the Palm Beach County Administrative Code, the Mayor approved this grant application, which now must be ratified by the Board. The grant application includes certifications of compliance with required assurances and certifications, as stated in the application and related program guidance.

**Attachments:**

1. FY 2017 AFG grant application and related documentation
2. Approval memo signed by the Mayor

Recommended by:		2.16.18
	Deputy Chief	Date
Approved by:		2/16/18
	Fire Rescue Administrator	Date
Approved by:		3/1/18
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Capital Expenditures	<u>108,687</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	<u>(98,807)</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<u><b>9,880</b></u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b># ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget?      Yes \_\_\_ No X

Budget Account No.:      Fund \_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_ Rev Source \_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

There is no Fiscal Impact at this time. Should the grant be awarded, a budget amendment will be brought to the Board for approval. The funding source for the required match of \$9,880 will be from the Fire Rescue MSTU (Fund 1300) contingency reserves.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: ekopelakis for mmarty

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:**

<p><u><i>[Signature]</i></u> 2/23/18                  OFMB      <i>GAM 2/21 2/2/2018</i></p>	<p><u><i>[Signature]</i></u> 3/1/18                  Contract Development and Control  <i>3/1/18</i></p>
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**B. Legal Sufficiency**

*[Signature]* 3/1/18  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 Department Director

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**(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)**