

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 23, 2020

Department: Office of Resilience

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Title: Property Assessed Clean Energy Program Update

Summary: At the September 10, 2019 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting, the Board requested a workshop item to review the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program operating in Palm Beach County. At the October 8, 2019 BCC meeting, the board directed staff to postpone the workshop until after the 2020 legislative session concluded, understanding that several proposed bills could have significantly altered PACE procedures statewide. Following the 2020 legislative session, staff informed the BCC that none of the PACE-related bills passed during the 2020 session. At the April 7, 2020 BCC meeting, the board directed staff to conduct the workshop. Staff will present an overview of the history of the PACE program in Palm Beach County, current project statistics, and what consumer protections are in place to protect residents and business owners in Palm Beach County. Countywide (SS)

Background and Policy Issues: In 2010, Florida passed Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, authorizing local governments to create PACE programs that provide a mechanism for funding energy efficiency, renewable energy, and wind resistance improvements for residential and commercial properties. In 2017, the BCC established a PACE program in the County, which is applicable within unincorporated areas of the County and within all municipalities that have not adopted their own PACE ordinance or resolution. With PACE, property owners within a participating district can finance up to 100 percent of their project and pay it back over time as a voluntary non-ad valorem assessment on the annual property tax bill. The PACE assessment is collected in the same manner as real estate taxes; thus failure to pay the PACE assessment may result in the loss of property subject to the PACE assessment in the same manner as failure to pay property taxes. At this time, more than 3,902 PACE projects have been completed in the County.

Attachments:
None

Recommended by:

Megan S. Horvath
Department Director

4-29-20
Date

Approved by:

Pee
Assistant County Administrator

6/4/20
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	0	0	0	0	0
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
Is Item Included in Current Budget?			Yes	No	
Does this Item include the use of Federal Funds?			Yes	No	
Budget Account No.:					
Fund	Department	Unit	Object	Program	

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

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Department Fiscal Review:

S. Neary

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Lux R 5/7/2020
OFMB *pc/sk* *05/6*

A. J. Jacobs 5/8/2020
Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

J. B. Stennard 05/11/2020
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director