

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	April 20, 2021	<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) a FY 2020 SAFER Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant application electronically submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on March 11, 2021, requesting \$7,531,515 to provide funding to staff new Fire Station 40; and
- B) the designation of the County Administrator, or designee, to act as the County's representative for the purpose of electronically signing the FY 2020 SAFER Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant application, including Assurances and Certifications via the DHS FEMA website.

**Summary:** This grant application requests \$7,531,515 from DHS FEMA which will provide funding for three years to staff new Fire Station 40. There is no required match for this grant.

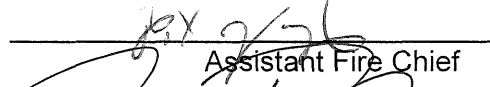
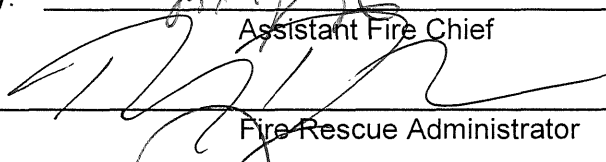
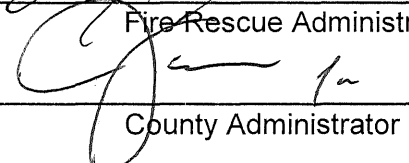
If awarded, the grant will provide funding to staff new Fire Station 40. Fire Station 40 is anticipated to open in May 2022. This station is an in-fill station, positioned between two existing Fire Stations where the density and call volume has increased dramatically supporting the need for an additional Fire Station. This award will allow us to open a new station with an appropriate staffing level. Benefits will include more units and staffing to serve the community significantly improving response times to the area and efficiencies of operations. Additional staffing is also essential for meeting national safety standards and mitigating risk to the community through prompt response times throughout the County freeing additional units to respond to other incidents needing specialized capabilities. Due to the preparation time, submittal deadlines, and BCC meeting dates, the grant application had to be submitted prior to full Board approval. Countywide (SB)

**Background and Justification:** The FY SAFER 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 SAFER 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 March 12, 2021. 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. If this grant is awarded it will provide funding for three years to staff new Fire Station 40.

**Attachments:**

- 1. FY 2020 SAFER application and related documentation
- 2. Approval memo

Recommended by:		3.22.2021
	Assistant Fire Chief	Date
Approved by:		3/22/2021
	Fire Rescue Administrator	Date
Approved by:		4/2/21
	County Administrator	Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

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

Fiscal Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	2,316,573	2,505,384	2,709,558	_____
External Revenues	_____	(2,316,573)	(2,505,384)	(2,709,558)	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	_____	*	*	*	_____
<b># ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)</b>	0	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget? Yes \_\_\_ No X  
 Does this item include the use of federal funds Yes X No \_\_\_

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.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *on what map*

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

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

*Lisa Monte 3/25/21*  
 OFMB <sup>KP</sup> <sub>3/24</sub> *AP 3/24* <sup>UM</sup> <sub>3/24</sub>

*Ar. J. Jacobson 3/31/21*  
 Contract Development and Control  
*3-30-21/TW*

**B. Legal Sufficiency**

*Russell 4/1/21*  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 Department Director