# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 15, 2021 [X] Consent [] Regular [] Ordinance [] Public Hearing				
Department Submitted By: Community Services Submitted For: Community Services				
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF				
<b>Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:</b> Amendment No. 1 to the Florida Power and Light Company (FP&L) Care To Share Program Agreement (R2018-2064), for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023, to change the income guidelines from at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines (FPLG) to the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed, (ALICE) income guidelines.				
Summary: Amendment No. 1 to the FP&L Care To Share Program Agreement changes the income eligibility for Palm Beach County residents who are at risk of their FP&L service being disconnected. FP&L made the decision to no longer use the FPLG to determine client eligibility. The changes allow the Community Services Department (CSD) to address the gap that is currently a challenge, as most of the federal/state programs are below the 150-200% FPLG and this grant had the same requirements. With the change to income eligibility guidelines, CSD will be able to serve more clients who did not meet the FPLG requirements, but are in need of assistance to avoid their services being disconnected. The ALICE income guidelines are updated annually. The updated ALICE guidelines will be provided to the Palm Beach County Community Services Department (CSD) for immediate distribution and implementation in order to administer the FP&L Care to Share Program funds. CSD has been administering the program since July 1, 2006. The FP&L Care To Share Program has provided over \$2,000,000 to assist households in Palm Beach County. The program assists over 300 households per year, with 2,300 assisted over the most recent 5-year period. Voluntary contributions from FP&L customers, along with corporate contributions fund the FP&L Care To Share Program. No County match is required. (Community Services) Countywide (HH)				
<b>Background and Justification:</b> The program is sponsored by the Florida Power & Light Company and is designed to provide emergency assistance funds to customers who are in a crisis situation and unable to pay their electric bill. These funds allow CSD to meet the utility needs of the residents of Palm Beach County.				
Attachment: Amendment No. 1 to the FP&L Care to Share Program Agreement				
Recommended By:    DocuSigned by: 5/25/2021   SF34EF22BFDF492				
Department Director Date				
Approved By: Assistant/County Administrator Date				

## A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenue					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					

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In-l	Kind Match (County)						
NE	T FISCAL IMPACT						
	ADDITIONAL FTE OSITIONS (Cumulative)						
Is Item Included In Current Budget?  Does this item include the use of federal funds?  Budget Account No.:  Fund_DeptUnit_Object_Program Code_Program Period							
B.	Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:  FP&L Care to Share Program is funded by corporate contribution and voluntary contributions form FP&L customers. No County funding required.						
C.	Departmental Fiscal Revie		Dowe, Dir	Docusigned by: Wie Dowe LOSAC9C7CC5BC444 ector, Finance	cial & Support	Services	
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment

# Amendment to the FPL Care To Share® Program Agreement Between Florida Power & Light Company And Palm Beach County Human and Veteran Services

Change Type: Revision to the FPL Care To Share® Program Agreement

- This Amendment is issued pursuant to the Agreement dated January 1, 2019 between Florida Power & Light Company (hereinafter referred to as "FPL") and Palm Beach County Human and Veteran Services for FPL Care To Share<sup>®</sup> Program Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement").
- 2. This Amendment changes paragraphs <u>I. Eligibility Criteria</u>, subparagraph <u>9</u> as amended below:
  - a. The below paragraph located on page (3) three of the Agreement is hereby deleted, replaced, and superseded by the following (additions indicated with underline and deletions indicated with strikethrough):
    - Must follow the income guidelines provided below in Table 1.1, which will be updated annually based on the ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) reporting which will be provided by United Way. The annual updated ALICE guidelines will be provided to the Agency by FPL, as soon as possible, for immediate distribution and implementation to all the offices of the Agency administering FPL Care To Share funds. The Eligibility & Commitment Guidelines (Attachment A) should also be updated to reflect the updated income guidelines. have a household income level that falls at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (as revised annually by U.S. Health and Human Services). The incomes of all persons residing at the service address are to be included in determining household income eligibility. The Agency may exercise flexibility in expanding income limits based on special recipient situations and needs.

### Table 1.1: Income Guideline thresholds by family type (proxy) and FPL Region

<b>FPL Region</b>	County	Single Adult (annually)	Family (annually)	Senior 60+ (annually)
East	Indian River	\$25,464	\$74,460	\$28,224
	Martin			
	Okeechobee			
	Palm Beach			
	St. Lucie			

- 3. This Amendment takes effect on April 1, 2021.
- 4. The terms and conditions of the Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Amendment. Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing contained in this Amendment will alter, modify, or change in any way the terms and conditions of the Parties' Agreement.

In witness whereof, Florida Power & Light Company and Palm Beach County Human and Veteran Services caused this Amendment to be executed on the date indicated below.

Florida Power & Light Company	Palm Beach County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners
Ву	Ву
Authorized Signatory	Authorized Signatory
Christopher Chapel, VP of Customer Service	Dave Kerner, Mayor
(Print Name and Title)	(Print Name and Title)
Date of	, 2021
Approved As To Terms and Conditions  By:	Approved As To Form and Legal Sufficiency  By: Helene C. Hvizd  Senior Assistant County Attorney
Attest: Joseph Abruzzo Clerk of the Circuit Court Palm Beach County	
By: Deputy Clerk	