

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 15, 2021

☐ Consent ☒ Regular
☐ Workshop ☐ Public Hearing

Submitted By: County Administration

Submitted For: County Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, supporting the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) in its issuance of Federal Financial Assistance Funding Opportunity Number: 22FL818Y8105, entitled "Emergency Food Assistance Program;" its 2020-21 Regional Map, which defines Palm Beach County as a stand-alone region; and its scoring and selection of Farm Share, Inc. as the successful contract awardee for Palm Beach County (Region 17).

Summary: On October 6, 2020, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2020-1521, which urged FDACS to issue a competitive process for the Emergency Feeding Assistance Program (TEFAP) for state contracts, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and to separate Region 8, which combined Palm Beach and Broward Counties, into two (2) separate regions under the program. On January 25, 2021, FDACS issued Federal Financial Assistance Funding Opportunity Number 225FL818Y8105. Three food bank organizations submitted proposals aimed at serving Palm Beach County. Farm Share, Inc. was awarded the contract, and the State's regional map was restructured, designating Palm Beach County as stand-alone Region 17. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to support FDACS' selection committee's award of the FY 2021-22 TEFAP contract to Farm Share, Inc. to serve Palm Beach County, Region 17. Farm Share, Inc., has been in the food banking business since 1991, and has successfully administered TEFAP contracts in other regions of the state. In 2020, Farm Share, Inc. distributed more than 101 million pounds of food to more than 18 million households in Florida. Representatives have already been in communication with the County, the Palm Beach County Food Bank, and other community partners expressing the desire to work collaboratively toward the goal of ending hunger in Palm Beach County. Countywide (HH)

Background and Policy Issues: TEFAP is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program that provides food to low-income individuals and families, helping to improve diets of these Americans regardless of age by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. Under TEFAP, commodity foods are made available by the USDA to the states. FDCAS has not issued an RFP for these commodities since 2010. Recipient agencies that are awarded a contract by the FDCAS receive and are responsible for the distribution of all the TEFAP commodities in the county or counties included within their region. The expiring contract for TEFAP in Palm Beach County is held by Feeding South Florida, Inc, an organization based in Broward County, with a warehouse located in Boynton Beach, FL. Due to the fact that three (3) viable food bank operations successfully competed for the opportunity to be the administrator of the TEFAP program in the County, the Board's urging of the competitive process was appropriate and timely.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

Recommended by: <u>Nancy L. Bolton</u> Assistant County Administrator	<u>6/9/21</u> Date
Approved by: <u>J. Baker</u> County Administrator	<u>6/10/21</u> 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	_____	_____			

ADDITIONAL FTE
POSITIONS (Cumulative) 0 0 0

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No

Budget Account No.: Fund Agency Org Object

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

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

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

<u><i>Raleigh Rawns</i></u> <u>6/10/21</u> OFMB <u>6-10-21</u> <u><i>EW</i></u> <u>6-10-21</u>	<u><i>J. S. Jacobson</i></u> <u>6/10/21</u> Contract Dev. and Control
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Jean-Adel Williams
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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

Resolution No. 2021-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES (FDACS) IN ITS ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: 225FL818Y8105, ENTITLED "EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;" ITS 2020-21 REGIONAL MAP, WHICH DEFINES PALM BEACH COUNTY AS A STAND-ALONE REGION UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND ITS SCORING AND SELECTION OF FARM SHARE, INC. AS THE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT AWARDEE FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY (REGION 17).

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2020-1521 on October 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the adopted resolution urged FDACS to issue a competitive process for the Emergency Feeding Assistance Program (TEFAP) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the adopted resolution also urged FDACS to separate Palm Beach County and Broward County, collectively defined as Region 8, and establish each County as its own independent region, which would improve program transparency in Palm Beach County and allow both of Palm Beach County's established Food Banks to compete to become the exclusive administrator for the TEFAP program in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, FDACS issued Federal Financial Assistance Funding Opportunity Number: 225FL818Y8105, which resulted in three (3) applications from established food banks fully capable of serving the residents of Palm Beach County, thereby exceeding expectations and supporting the BCC's position that a competitive process was appropriate and timely, with the program having not been competitively offered since 2010 and with new viable food bank organizations having been subsequently established; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County is the third-largest county by population in Florida and the second-largest geographically, thereby supporting FDACS' restructuring plan to make it an independent region under the program; and

WHEREAS, Farm Share, Inc. has successfully administered the TEFAP contract in regions of the State, and representatives have already shown the desire to engage and collaborate with local food bank(s) and community partners to effectively address hunger in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Farm Share, Inc. distributed more than 101 million pounds of food to more than 18 million households residing in all of Florida's 67 counties during 2020, which included more than 20 million pounds of fresh healthy fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, Farm Share Inc.'s extensive work partnering with thousands of food pantries and community organizations throughout the state compliments the food distribution model Palm Beach County has strived to attain over the past decade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. Palm Beach County hereby supports the FDACS selection committee’s award of the FY 2021-22 TEFAP contract to Farm Share, Inc. to serve Palm Beach County, Region 17.
2. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Nicole “Nikki” Fried, Commissioner, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Deborah Tannenbaum, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the members of the Palm Beach County State Legislative Delegation and Congressional Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Dave Kerner, Mayor	-	_____
Commissioner Robert S. Weinroth, Vice Mayor	-	_____
Commissioner Maria G. Marino	-	_____
Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss	-	_____
Commissioner Maria Sachs	-	_____
Commissioner Melissa McKinlay	-	_____
Commissioner Mack Bernard	-	_____

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
	Joseph Abruzzo Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: <u>Jean-Adel Williams</u> County Attorney	By: _____ Deputy Clerk
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