

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March 8, 2022	<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 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant application electronically submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on February 3, 2022, requesting \$5,044,428.00 to fund 100% in Year 1, 2 and 3 for 18 new firefighters, for a term of three years from the date of award; and
- B) the designation of the County Administrator, or designee, to act as the County's representative for the purpose of electronically signing and submitting the FY 2021 SAFER grant application, including Assurances and Certifications via the DHS FEMA website.

Summary: This grant application requests \$5,044,428.00 from DHS FEMA to fund 18 new firefighters to staff a 4-person Advanced Life Support (ALS) engine at new Fire Station 40. The total project cost identified in the grant application is \$5,044,428.00. There is no required match for this grant for all three years.

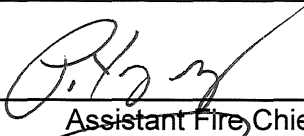


If awarded, the requested positions will provide funding to staff a 4-person ALS engine at new Fire Station 40. This station is an in-fill station, positioned between two existing fire station where the density and call volume has increased dramatically supporting the need for an additional fire station. This award will allow us to staff an ALS engine with four people over each of the three shifts. Due to the personnel coverage factor, the total number of firefighters required is 18. These 18 positions will be eliminated at the end of the grant and submitted as a supplemental request through the budget process prior to the expiration of the grant. Due to the preparation time, submittal deadlines, and BCC meeting dates, the grant application had to be submitted prior to full Board approval. District 6 (SB)

Background and Justification: The FY 2021 SAFER Program is a competitive grant program focused on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The SAFER Program provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

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 February, 4, 2022. 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 2021 SAFER application and related documentation
- 2. Approval memo

Recommended by:		2/17/2022
	Assistant Fire Chief	Date
Approved by:		2/17/2022
	Fire Rescue Administrator	Date
Approved by:		3/2/22
	County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	<u>1,576,188</u>	<u>1,678,698</u>	<u>1,789,542</u>	<u>1,900,386</u>	<u>2,018,096</u>
External Revenues	<u>(1,576,188)</u>	<u>(1,678,698)</u>	<u>(1,789,542)</u>		
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	* 0	0	0	1,900,386	2,018,096
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	18				

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

Budget Account No.: Fund Dept Unit Rev Source

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

* There is no fiscal impact in FY2022 through FY2024. Should the grant be awarded, a budget amendment will be submitted to the Board for approval. At the end of the grant these positions will be funded by the Fire Rescue MSTU.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *[Signature]* 2/24/22

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

[Handwritten: Favorable for award 2/24/22]
[Signature] 2/24/22
 OFMB LM 2/24

[Signature] 2/28/22
 Contract Development and Control
 2-28-22

B. Legal Sufficiency

[Signature] for S. Burrows 2/28/22
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director