



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution to receive Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund monies for pre-hospital emergency medical services.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the resolution certifying that monies received from the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Trust Fund will be used to improve and expand pre-hospital emergency medical services.

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- For Fiscal Year 2022, the award will be for \$119,766.00 and will be used to purchase and deploy two automated CPR devices to assist in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest patients in remote or austere environments (i.e., beach, water rescue, etc.).
- This award will also be used to purchase and deploy hydraulic stretchers, stretcher mounts, accessories and installation to upgrade transport capable Rescue Units in the EMS System.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the EMS County Grant Application.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach.

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support.

Summary:

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Background Information:

The Florida Emergency Medical Services Grant Act (Chapter 401, F.S.) specifies the sixty-seven Counties are the grant recipients. As such, the Board of County Commissioners and not the EMS

Authority must apply for this grant.

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Fiscal Impact:

Grant revenue of \$119,766.00 will be awarded by the State EMS Trust Fund upon application. No Matching Funds are associated with this Grant. The revenue and expense were anticipated and included in the FY22 Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

Florida Department of Health - Emergency Medical Services Program

Attachments:

EMS Grant Resolution

EMS Grant Application - C0052

EMS Grant Distribution by County