



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:

Approve the attached 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.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the 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:

The State of Florida dispenses funds annually after the end of the state's fiscal year for the prior year from the EMS Trust Fund to Boards of County Commissioners upon their application to the State. These funds cannot supplant existing County EMS budget allocations. The grant rules require the Board of County Commissioners to submit a Resolution each year specifying the grant funds will be used to improve and expand the county pre-hospital EMS systems.

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.

This grant will be used to improve and expand pre-hospital emergency medical services. For FY18, the award will be for \$168,870. The funds will be used towards improving the Fire and EMS Training Academy with heat index monitoring and a covered pavilion area with cooling misters (\$25,000). It will also fund a Mobile Oxygen Generator System that will allow Pinellas County EMS to provide continuous oxygen for up to one hundred (100) patients requiring continuous oxygen at special needs shelters or in the event of an oxygen system failure at hospitals or other medical facilities (\$143,870).

Fiscal Impact:

Grant revenue of \$168,870.00 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 FY18 budget for Emergency Medical Services, therefore, there is no new appropriation needed for this grant.

Per OMB's contract review, \$297,960.00 in estimated funds were included in FY18 adopted budget due to new year award and carry-forward from FY17.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jim Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

Florida Department of Health - Emergency Medical Services Program

Attachments:

Resolution

Grant Application