



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

5.3 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.

Fiscal Impact:

Grant revenue of \$125,506.00 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 FY16 budget for Emergency Medical Services, therefore, there is no new appropriation needed for this grant.

Staff Member Responsible:

Craig A. Hare, Director, EMS and Fire Administration

Partners:

Florida Department of Health - Emergency Medical Services Program

Attachments:

Resolution

Grant Application