



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Agreement with the Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District to provide funding toward the purchase of a new Squad 65.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the funding agreement between Pinellas County and the Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District (District) toward the purchase of a new Squad 65.

- The District currently provides emergency medical services (EMS) under contract with the County for the District's area of unincorporated Pinellas County.
- This agreement provides funding of \$600,000.00 to assist the district in the purchase of a new Squad 65 using funds derived from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal grant that was awarded to the County.
- The District agrees to purchase, own, maintain, and insure one 2023 Pierce Enforcer Heavy Duty Rescue (Squad). The Squad is a planned replacement of an existing vehicle in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023.
- Squad 65 vehicle had been destroyed by vehicle crash and the at fault drivers' insurance coverage was less than the replacement cost of this vehicle
- Squad 65 is included in capital replacement plan for the district, but the vehicle was not scheduled nor funded for replacement for several years
- County funding for agreement is budgeted and available in FY23 under project 006035A Squad 65 Emergency Rescue Vehicle (Palm Harbor), in the Pinellas County Capital Improvement Plan, in the ARPA fund.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

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:

Provides funding of \$600,000.00 to purchase a new Squad 65 that will replace the existing Squad 65 which is past its serviceable and safe useful life.

Background Information:

The District currently provides emergency medical services (“EMS”) under contract with the County for the District’s area of unincorporated Pinellas County.

The District has presented to the County a need for a new Fire and EMS vehicle referred to as a Squad to replace the existing Squad 65 which is past its serviceable and safe useful life. The County has reviewed District’s request and confirms the need for a new Squad to replace the existing Squad 65 serving the Palm Harbor area.

The District agrees to purchase, own, maintain, and insure one (1) 2023 Pierce Enforcer Heavy Duty Rescue (Squad). The Squad is a planned replacement of an existing vehicle in FY22-23.

The County shall provide \$600,000.00 in funds for Squad 65 in accordance with this Agreement subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

Fiscal Impact:

The County shall provide \$600,000.00 to assist the District in the purchase of a new Squad 65 using funds derived from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal grant that was awarded to the County.

Funding for the agreement is budget in the County Capital Improvement Plan, in the ARPA fund, under project 006035A Squad 65 Emergency Rescue Vehicle (Palm Harbor). Funding is reflected in FY2023.

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District

Attachments:

Squad 65 ARPA Funding Agreement