



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Agreement with the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District to provide advanced funding toward the construction of a new Fire Station.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the funding agreement between Pinellas County and the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District (District) toward construction of a new Fire Station 28. Provides advanced funding of up to \$3,000,000.00 to construct a new fire station that will replace the existing facility at 13501 94th Avenue North, Seminole, FL 33776.

- The District shall be responsible for all aspects of land acquisition, design, construction, operations, and future maintenance of its fire station facility. The County is solely providing funding support for the project.
- The actual cost to the County shall not exceed the project cap of \$3,000,000.00 without an amendment to this agreement subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.
- The funding for this agreement is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan, under Project 005544A Pinellas Suncoast Fire Station 28 Mainland. The agreement is funded by the Penny for Pinellas @ \$2,000,000.00 and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) @ \$1,000,000.00. Funding is programmed in Fiscal Year 2023.
- County Local Option Infrastructure Sales Surtax funds (Penny for Pinellas) and ARPA federal grant are being made available to provide funding assistance for the design and construction of the new Fire Station.
- This agreement fulfills the requirement of the settlement agreement between parties dated July 2017 as it relates to Station 28 refurbishment or replacement.

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 support of up to \$3,000,000.00 towards the construction of a new Fire Station 28 to be located at 13501 94th Avenue N, Seminole, FL 33776.

Background Information:

The District has presented to the County a need for a new fire station to replace the existing Fire Station 28 which is past its serviceable and safe useful life. The District and the County entered into a Settlement Agreement dated July 2017 where the Parties shall jointly assess replacement or refurbishment of Station 28 (for a cost not to exceed \$3,000,000.00), for consideration of Penny for Pinellas (Penny IV) or other revenue source funding.

The District shall be responsible for all aspects of land acquisition, design, construction, operation, and future maintenance of its fire station facility. The County is solely providing funding support for the project. The new fire station will replace the existing facility at 13501 94th Avenue N, Seminole, FL 33776.

A total of \$2,000,000.00 is derived from the County's "Penny for Pinellas" Capital Improvement Program and \$1,000,000.00 is derived from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds awarded to the County.

Fiscal Impact:

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Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District

Attachments:

Agreement