



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution granting status to Florida Digital Amateur Radio Network for donation of surplus personal property.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the resolution granting status to the Florida Digital Amateur Radio Network (F-DARN) for donation of surplus personal property.

- F-DARN is a not-for-profit organization formed after Hurricane Irma to address a deficit in emergency communications in the healthcare sector.
- F-DARN provides emergency communications to the healthcare sector through donations and federal grants.
- F-DARN is requesting the ability to obtain surplus equipment from the County.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

This action will provide grant status to F-DARN and allow the organization to receive County surplus donations for personal property. These in-kind donations benefit the County by providing emergency communications during natural disasters to the healthcare sector in Pinellas County.

Background Information:

The Board, per Florida Statute Section 274.05, authorizes the County to donate surplus property to other governmental units or private nonprofit agencies in the county or district. As a potential recipient, the County will provide F-DARN with notice of available surplus property prior to advertisement of the items for sale. This will provide them with an opportunity to acquire the surplus items by donation.

In addition to the attached list of Social Action Non-Profit Agencies, the following entities are provided advanced notification of County surplus personal property: Suwannee County, Juvenile Welfare Board, Pinellas County School Board, Palm Harbor Community Services Association (PHCSA), Vincent House, Florida Dream Center, Creative Pinellas, Keep Pinellas Beautiful, and the Seminole Junior Warhawks Athletic Association.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Andrew W. Pupke, Division Director, Facilities and Real Property Division

Partners:

Florida Digital Amateur Radio Network

Attachments:

Resolution

F-DARN Letter

FY20 Social Action Funding Partners List