



# Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940

## Legislation Text

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### Subject:

Brevard County Fire Rescue - Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund Grant

### Fiscal Impact:

**+ \$462,474.10**

### Dept/Office:

Fire Rescue Department

### Requested Action:

Request approval to accept the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund grant in the amount of \$462,474.10. Request authority for the County Manager or designee Fire Chief Mark Schollmeyer (Medicare account administrator) to sign the HHS attestation documents, subject to County Attorney review of the HHS terms and conditions. Request authority for the Chair to sign any required contract amendments to implement Brevard County Fire Rescue's obligations under the grant.

### Summary Explanation and Background:

On April 10, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provided Brevard County Fire Rescue (the Recipient) with a Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund grant of \$462,474.10 to cover certain COVID-19 public health emergency costs. This was an automatic transfer to Fire Rescue because Brevard County Fire Rescue is a Medicare healthcare provider who diagnoses, tests or cares for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID-19. The HHS provided an email following the transfer of funds that requires Brevard County Fire Rescue to agree to certain terms and conditions on the use of the funds within thirty (30) days.

Under the terms of agreement, the funds may only be utilized "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and shall reimburse the Recipient only for healthcare related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus."

Additionally, "for all care for a possible or actual case of COVID-19, Recipient certifies that it will not collect from the patient out-of-pocket expenses in an amount greater than what the patient would have otherwise been required to pay if their care had been provided by an in-network Recipient."

Fire Rescue is required to submit quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services detailing all projects and activities for which the funds were expended; and to maintain auditable records on the use of funds.

The full terms of agreement shall be reviewed by the County Attorney's Office prior to signing the attestation and accepting the relief funds. In order to implement the attestation and grant terms, some Fire Rescue contracts may require contract amendments, which is being worked in coordination with CAO.

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**



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April 22, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Rescue Director

RE: Item J.2, Brevard County Fire Rescue – Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund Grant

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 21, 2020, accepted the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund grant in the amount of \$462,474.10; granted authority for the County Manager or designee Fire Chief Mark Schollmeyer (Medicare account administrator) to sign the HHS attestation documents, subject to County Attorney review of the HHS terms and conditions; and granted authority for the Chair to sign any required contract amendments to implement Brevard County Fire Rescue's obligations under the grant.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

  
Kimberly Powell, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Finance  
Budget

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**FIRST EXTENSION OF EXISTING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
BREVARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PALM BAY FOR AUTOMATIC AID,  
DISPATCH SERVICES AND FACILITY USE**

**THIS AMENDMENT ONE** to the Interlocal Agreement entitled "Interlocal Agreement Regarding Automatic Aid between Brevard County and the City of Palm Bay" is made and entered into this 28th day of April 2020, by and between the following Parties: **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "**COUNTY**", and the **CITY OF PALM BAY**, a municipality incorporated under the laws of Florida (hereinafter referred to as the "**CITY**").

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have previously entered into an Interlocal Agreement, dated April 28, 2015, (hereinafter the Original Interlocal) and;

**WHEREAS**, the term of the Original Interlocal was for two (2) years, with automatic renewals for three (3) successive one (1) year periods, which will expire on April 28, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, both entities are currently under local, state and federal states of emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, additional time is needed to ensure both Parties can address potential changes in boundaries, dispatch services and current cohabitation states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to extend the term of said Contract for an additional period of time.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated into this Interlocal Amendment by this reference.
2. The Original Interlocal between the Parties is extended until September 30, 2020.
3. To the extent any of the terms of this Amendment conflict with the terms of the Original Interlocal, the terms of this Amendment control. All other terms of the Original interlocal remain in full force and effect.
4. Each Party represents that the person signing on its behalf has been fully authorized by all required action to sign on behalf of and to bind that Party to the obligations stated herein.
5. This Amendment is effective upon signature by both Parties and filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

**(Signature Page Follows)**


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Contract on the date first written above.

ATTEST:

  
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Scott Ellis, Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

  
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Bryan Lober, Chair  
As Approved by the Board on: 4/28/15

Reviewed for legal form and content:  
  
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Christine M. Schwerak  
Assistant County Attorney

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk -20

**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**

  
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Lisa Morrell, City Manager