

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: December 2, 2014

Date Submitted: November 18, 2014

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Robert Presnell, County Administrator
Tommy Baker, EMS Chief
Andre Walker, Fire Coordinator/Paramedic

Subject: Approval to Accept Smoke Detector Grant Offered by the Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Fire Prevention

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks the Board's approval for the Gadsden County Fire Service to accept a Smoke Detector Grant offered by the Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Background:

The Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Fire Prevention was recently awarded a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to promote a comprehensive statewide fire campaign for the elderly population, 55 years and older. The Bureau of Fire Prevention encourages local fire departments to get involved and help reduce the risk of related injuries and death to the elderly population by providing smoke detectors for the local fire departments to install in the homes of the elderly.

Analysis:

The goals of this campaign is to increase fire safety knowledge to the elderly through educational programs; reduce the injury rate and number of fires in the homes of the elderly; conduct fire safety inspections in their homes; and install smoke alarms in their homes when the alarms are inoperable or absent.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no match requirement for this grant

Options:

1. Approve the Gadsden County Fire Service to accept the Smoke Detector Grant offered by the Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Fire Prevention
2. Do not approve the Gadsden County Fire Service to accept the Smoke Detector Grant offered by the Division of State Fire Marshal Bureau of Fire Prevention
3. Provide other direction

County Administrator's Recommendation

Option 1

Attachment:

1. Email from Charles Frank – Fire Protection Specialist

From: Frank, Charles <Charles.Frank@myfloridacfo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2014 3:45 PM

To: Andre Walker

Cc: Dyer, Paul

Subject: Smoke Alarm Grant

Andre,

Good afternoon. We have reviewed your application for smoke alarms and have approved your request for 150 smoke alarms. You will need to contact Paul Dyer, Regional Supervisor, to coordinate picking up these smoke alarms. His contact number 850-413-3741 and I have also Cc him on this email so he is aware of your request.

I have also attached a tracking chart that we ask you to be use when you install the smoke alarms and/or conduct fire safety presentations. Please complete this spreadsheet and return it to me via email each month so the Division can complete the necessary grant reports.

Also, the grant has been extended until January 2015 so the second risk analysis is not due until January 15, 2015.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Thank you,

Charles Frank, CFPE
Fire Protection Specialist
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Division of State Fire Marshal
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How is the Bureau of Fire Prevention doing? Please go to the following link to complete a survey regarding the services you have received from us: <http://BFP.questionpro.com>