
**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Assistance to Firefighters - Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a grant application to the US Dept. of Homeland Security requesting approximately \$50,000 through their Fire Prevention and Safety Program for the purchase of an All Hazards Fire Safety Trailer; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

County-wide

Jennifer Bero

BACKGROUND:

The US Dept. of Homeland Security offers funding through the Assistance to Firefighters - Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program to assist local fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations with acquiring equipment and services. Assistance is intended to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters. The program seeks to reach high-risk target groups in order to mitigate incidences of death and injury caused by fire and fire-related hazards.

Staff is seeking approval from the Board to pursue the grant for the purchase of an All Hazards Fire Safety Trailer. The trailer is a simulated living environment that includes a bedroom, kitchen, living room, escape window/ladder, simulated smoke, and smoke alarm. Additional features may be added to include a severe weather package and other props. If the grant is awarded, the trailer would be used to provide a hands-on fire and life safety program for presentation in elementary schools and other community events.

Due for submission by November 30, 2007, the proposed application would request approximately \$50,000 with a 20% match. The match would be funded by the Fire Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve to submit a grant application to the US Dept of Homeland Security requesting approximately \$50,000 through their Fire Prevention and Safety Program for the purchase of an All Hazards Fire Safety Trailer; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Abstract/Project Summary

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: US Department of Homeland Security

DATE DUE: November 30, 2007

PROJECT TITLE: All Hazards Safety Trailer

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety – EMS/Fire/Rescue Division

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Paula Ritchey, Liaison Officer

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Paula Ritchey

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Seminole County EMS/Fire/Rescue Division provides fire and life safety education to the citizens of Seminole County. In 2007, the Division responded to numerous multi-family apartment fires that displaced families and destroyed personal possessions. These fires started as a result of lightning, maintenance, electrical, and various other reasons. Although, there were no serious injuries or casualties to any civilians or firefighters, staff continues to pursue opportunities to provide fire and safety education.

In reflecting on the numerous fires and the potential of fire injuries and loss of life, the Division has the desire to enhance its current fire and life safety program in the schools by seeking funding for a fire safety trailer (All Hazards). This trailer would allow for a sustainable fire safety program to be presented at the twenty-one (21) elementary schools in unincorporated Seminole County; providing an in-depth, hands-on program to over 5,000 students each year. The trailer would also be used by Division staff for presentations at various community events.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$40,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$10,000

SOURCES OF MATCH: Fire Fund

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$50,000

GRANT FUNDING IS:

COMPETITIVE

ENTITLEMENT

CONTRACT