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**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** ARRA: Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Program - Grant Applications

**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services

**DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Lisa Spriggs    **CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero, Tad Stone    **EXT:** 7125, 5001

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve to submit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security requesting \$2,500,000.00 through their Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Program as funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and authorize the County Manager to execute any supporting documents as may be required for the application.

County-wide

Jennifer Bero

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**BACKGROUND:**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provided the US Department of Homeland Security with an allocation to fund the construction of new and/or modification of existing fire stations. Through the Assistance to Firefighters Program, the funding is purposed to enhance the response capability and protect the community from fire and fire-related hazards. Grants for this program will be awarded directly to local fire departments on a competitive basis.

Staff is requesting Board approval to submit a grant application requesting a total amount of \$2,500,000 (excludes design and land acquisition costs) under this program for the construction of stations 19 (Lake Emma/EE Williamson Rd) and 29 (Aloma Ave/SR 417). Although no match is required, the grant consultant recommends the county provide a match equal to the request amount in efforts to remain competitive in this highly competitive program. The match is accommodated within the FY2008/09 appropriated project for Station 29 within the fire fund.

Grant requests are being considered based upon the following criterion:

1. Stimulate economy by providing jobs- approximately 24 ongoing firefighting positions and associated construction work.
2. Highest consideration to departments that have already acquire land- Seminole County owns both fire station sites.
3. Projects engaged in a community's capital improvement plan to provide expanding fire protection to meet increased service demand and reduce emergency response times- covered in the CIP.

4. A “desirable attribute” is the willingness and ability of a community to contribute to the project. Applicants who contribute toward the project receive higher consideration than applicants that are relying entirely on the grant funding.

5. Several other of the aspects associated with this particular grant are favorable to Seminole County’s situation in regards to current training levels of SCFD members, frequency of use, size of population served, the provision of Emergency Medical Services in addition to fire protection and mutual aid response.

Due to the nature of the need and the competitiveness of the grant program it is requested the construction of these stations not be contingent upon the grant award.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve to submit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security requesting \$2,500,000.00 through their Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Program as funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and authorize the County Manager to execute any supporting documents as may be required for the application.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Project Summary

<b>Additionally Reviewed By:</b> No additional reviews
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**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT  
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: US Department of Homeland Security

DATE DUE: July 10, 2009

PROJECT TITLE: Fire Station Construction – Stations 19 and 29

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

PROJECT MANAGER: Leeanna Raw, Fire Chief

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction of planned full service fire station facilities is currently being provided for in the CIP and funded through the Fire Fund. The grant request will be for two fire stations to be constructed on currently county owned property in the Aloma Ave/SR 417 (station 29) and Lake Emma/EE Williamson Road (station 19) areas. Facility provision is indirect response to lowering emergency response times to deficient areas previously identified by Fire Department staff.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2,500,000 (\$1,250,000 each for 2 facilities)

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$2,500,000 (\$1,250,000 each for 2 facilities)  
While a match is not required, preference is given to organizations providing a cash match. The current fiscal year budget has monies earmarked for construction at the Aloma Ave site.

SOURCES OF MATCH: Fire Fund (currently budgeted)

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$5,000,000

GRANT FUNDING IS:

COMPETITIVE

ENTITLEMENT

CONTRACT