

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 21, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Request Board Consideration and Approval of a Resolution to Accept the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Contract and Funds for \$51,800.00

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board consideration and approval of a Resolution to accept the Weatherization Assistance Program Contract and Funds for \$51,800.00, from the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs, and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), CFDA #:81.042.

Background:

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) assists low income households with energy efficiency and air infiltration measures. The program may be used to pay for improvements that increase the energy efficiency of the home; including insulation, weather-stripping, and in some cases safety-related repairs. WAP is a biannually awarded, federally funded non-competitive grant, which requires no matching funds. This contract includes \$6000.00 less in funding when compared to last year's contract and Wakulla County is slated to receive an additional \$51,000.00 on this contract.

This WAP funding allocation is part of the normal biannual award to cities, counties, and agencies from the supplemental funding made available from the first stimulus package passed by Congress in 2008. In the near future, there will be a second 2009 WAP Agreement offer to all sub-grantees. That Agreement will be the funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Of which, Florida is slated to receive \$1.75 million in ARRA WAP funds over the next three years and Wakulla County is projected to receive as much as \$3.5 million in stimulus funding from the 2009 ARRA; 35 times the County's normal allocation.

Analysis:

This agenda item request Board consideration, acceptance, and approval of the contract and funds for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Approval of this contract will fund the County WAP Program which enables eligible families to receive needed

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weatherization assistance for improvements in the increase the energy efficiency of their home.

Options:

1. Approve the Resolution to accept the contract, funds and amend the budget for the Weatherization Assistance Program contract and funds for \$51,800.00 and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract.
2. Do not approve the Resolution to accept the Weatherization Assistance Program contract and funds for \$51,800.00 and do not authorize the Chairman to amend the budget or execute the contract.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Resolution to accept the Weatherization Assistance Program contract and funds.
2. Contract and funding for Weatherization Assistance Program.
3. Budget Amendment for allocation of funds.