

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2009

Date Submitted: March 24, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
Lindsay Stevens, Assistant County Administrator
Alfred Nelson, Housing Director

Subject: Request Board Approval to Schedule a Workshop on April 21, 2009 at 5:00pm to Discuss a Proposal for the Acceptance of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Grant Funding

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to schedule a Workshop on April 21, 2009 at 5:00pm to discuss the proposal Acceptance of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Grant.

Background:

The National Weatherization Assistance Program has been slated to receive \$5 billion dollars through the ARRA (stimulus grant funding). The funding will be for a two year period (2009 – 2011) and the national goal is to weatherize 1M homes. The State of Florida is projected to receive an allocation of \$50 million to \$193 million in funding over the next 2 years.

Historically, Florida weatherizes on average 1,500 dwellings a year with \$5 million dollars of funding. At a minimum the State of Florida is scheduled to receive a \$50 million dollar allocation; which will result in a tenfold increase in statewide weatherization production. Each County is slated 10 times its 2008 WAP and WAP Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) allocations. Therefore, Wakulla County is projected to receive no-less-than \$1.3 million dollars from the ARRA in WAP funds.

As a result, the Housing Services/staff is requesting that a Board Workshop be scheduled to present the proposed plan for disbursement of the ARRA WAP funds.

Analysis:

In order to allow the Division of Housing Services to present a proposal to the Board, staff is requesting Board approval to schedule the Workshop on April 21, 2009 at 5:00pm.

Workshop To Discuss the Proposal for a Faith-Based Publicly Funded Project by the Leon-
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Options:

1. Approve to schedule a Workshop on April 21, 2009 at 5:00pm to discuss the proposal for disbursement of the ARRA WAP funds.
2. Do not approve to schedule a Workshop on April 21, 2009 at 5:00pm to discuss the proposal for a disbursement of the ARRA WAP funds.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1