

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2008

Date Submitted: August 1, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Board Approval of a Resolution for a Modification to Incorporate an Increase of \$814.00 in the Base Allocation of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval of a Resolution for a Modification to Incorporate an Increase of \$814.00 in the Base Allocation for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, 2008-2009 Contract.

Background:

The LIHEAP is a federally funded block grant program that is implemented at the State, Tribal, and Insular Area levels by the United States, Department of Energy. The program grantees services for low income households who seek assistance for their home energy bills. LIHEAP has been operating since 1982 and its purpose is to assist low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes which pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

The program encourages priority be given to those with the "highest home energy needs", meaning low income households with a high energy burden and low income households with the presence of a "vulnerable" individual, such as a young child, disabled person, or frail older individual, will receive immediate assistance when funding is available.

The Wakulla County LIHEAP assisted 362 households with Energy Assistance, 7 Weather-Related households, 98 households with Summer Crisis Assistance, 119 households with Summer Home Energy Assistance, 75 households with Winter Crisis Assistance, and 63 households with Winter Home Energy Assistance during fy2007/08 LIHEAP funding.

Analysis:

This agenda item seeks Board approval of \$814.00 in additional funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program in the form of a modification to the base allocation of the LIHEAP's 2008-2009 contracts for \$77,893.00, which was approved by the Board at the February 19, 2008 Board Meeting.

This Modification will be entered into by and between the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs (DCA), and the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners, to modify the DCA contract number 08E-7B-02-75-01-032, which governs the LIHEAP, and will increase the total allocation for 2008-2009 to \$78,707.00.

Options:

1. Approve the Resolution for a Modification to Incorporate an Increase of \$814.00 in the Base Allocation of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) contract.
2. Do not approve the Resolution for a Modification to Incorporate an Increase of \$814.00 in the Base Allocation of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) contract.
3. Board Direction

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment(s):

1. Modification Agreement and the Department of Community Affairs Agreement Modification Letter.
2. Resolution.
3. Budget Amendment.
4. Agenda Request, Dated: March 19, 2008