

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: March 1, 2010

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Board Approval of a Resolution to Accept the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) FY 2010-2011 Contract and Funding Agreement for \$157,907.00, and Authorize the Chairman to Execute

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval of a Resolution to accept the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program FY 2010-2011 Contract and Funding Agreement for \$157,907.00 from the State of Florida, Department Community Affairs (DCA), and U.S. Department of Energy, and authorize the Chairman to execute.

### **Background:**

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (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 guarantees 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 their household income for home energy, and meet 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.

In FY2009, the Wakulla County LIHEAP assisted 406 Households with Energy Assistance, 104 households with Summer Crisis Assistance, 141 households with Summer Home Energy Assistance, 120 households with Winter Crisis Assistance, and 41 households with Winter Home Energy Assistance for a total of \$108,842.63.

### **Analysis:**

This agenda item seeks Board approval of \$157,907.00 in funding for the 2010-2011 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to serve an estimated 525 low income households

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with energy bills and energy crisis needs through March 31, 2011. The base allocation of this LIHEAP contract provides \$433.00 in additional funding when compared to previous years contracts, and the County anticipates receiving an additional \$36,000.00 in FY2010/11 LIHEAP funding when this contract is modified per State and Federal appropriations.

This Contract 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 accept the DCA Contract Number 10EA-8F-02-75-01-032, which governs LIHEAP, and will provide a total funding allocation for FY2010-2011 of \$157,907.00.

**Options:**

1. Approve the Resolution to accept the LIHEAP FY2010-2011 Contract and Funding Agreement for \$157,907.00, and authorize the Chairman to Execute.
2. Do not approve the Resolution to accept the LIHEAP FY2010-2011 Contract and Funding Agreement for \$157,907.00, and do not authorize the Chairman to Execute.
3. Board Direction

**Recommendation:**

Option# 1

**Attachment(s):**

1. Contract Agreement and the Department of Community Affairs Contract Agreement Letter.
2. State of Florida, LIHEAP Notice: January 6, 2010.
3. Resolution.
4. Certification of Corporate Resolution.
5. Budget Amendment.