

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: August 14, 2019

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To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Darrel Donatto, Fire Rescue Chief

Re: Palm Beach County Emergency Medical service grant reimbursement  
**Resolution No: 66-2019**

Date: July 31, 2019

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Service grant request.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This grant program is administered under section 163.01, Florida Statutes. The Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (DOHEMS) is authorized by chapter 401, part II, Florida Statutes, to dispense grant funds. Forty five percent (45%) of these funds are made available to the 67 Boards of County Commissioners throughout the State to improve and expand pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services in their county.

The prehospital EMS projects may include, but not be limited to, increasing existing levels of EMS, evaluation, community education, injury-prevention programs, training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other lifesaving and first aid techniques.

Palm Beach Fire Rescue is requesting sixteen (16) sets of ballistic armor that include vests, helmets, and rifle plates to be used for our personnel during emergencies and to be placed on board the department's frontline emergency vehicles. The new ballistic armor will allow fire rescue personnel to team up with law enforcement agencies and mitigate emergencies that involve active shooters or other acts of violence. The department currently has nine (9) ballistic sets that are on board our suppression apparatus and can provide protection for 50% of our on duty personnel. The gear we are requesting is compliant with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 3000, the National Standard for an Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER). This purchase will allow ALL on duty personnel to don protective equipment in response to an ASHER event that could occur on the island. The County agrees to reimburse the Town from its 2018-2019 EMS state grant funds for the purchase, and the Town agrees to accept the said reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the EMS State grant.

### **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

Fire-Rescue will use the Grant Equipment account (001.40.417.526.60.64.09) to fund the project cost of the grant request. The Town of Palm Beach portion of the grant is \$0.00 with up to \$25,000.00 (100%) funding received from approved Palm Beach County Emergency Medical service grant reimbursement program.

### **PURCHASING REVIEW**

This item has been reviewed by the Purchasing Division and approved as recommended.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

The resolution has been approved by the Town Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Attachment: Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Service grants reimbursement agreement.

cc: Jane LeClainche, Director of Finance  
Dean Mealy, Purchasing Manager  
John Randolph, Town Attorney