

**MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** November 10, 2025

VIA: Don G. Donaldson, P.E.
County Administrator

FROM: Stephanie Merle
Director of the Office of Management & Budget

REF: 26-0023

**SUBJECT: OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE
BOARD APPROVAL**

PERMISSION TO APPLY

1. **Permission to Apply for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Agricultural Regional Projects Program**

- **Requestor** – Environmental Resource Division (Public Works Department)
- **Granting Agency** – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- **Project Description** – The S-1 Canal Channel Enhancement Project aims to improve regional water quality by reducing nutrient loads from agricultural runoff before discharge into the C-44 Canal and St. Lucie River. This will be achieved through nature-based stream restoration techniques, including a multistage channel design, in-channel treatment, and the creation of a 60-foot-wide floodplain wetland bench along one mile of the canal. The project will demonstrate the effectiveness of canal enhancements as a best management practice (BMP) for nutrient reduction in both agricultural and urban waterways.
- **Requested Grant Award** – \$1,750,000
- **Budgetary Impact** – Grant funds will be provided on a cost reimbursement basis. No grant match required.
- **Annual operating costs** – Staff time to administer the grant.

Alternative Action:

- **Programmatic Implication if not approved** – Lack of grant funding will impact progress towards successful implementation of best management practices for nutrient reductions for agricultural and urban waterways.
- **Financial Fiscal impact if not approved** – Seek alternative funding.

Documents Requiring Action:

- None

Recommendation:

- Move that the Board authorize the County Administrator or designee to apply for the 2025/2026 Agricultural Regional Projects Program and sign other non-monetary documents related to this grant upon review and concurrence of the County Attorney's Office.

PERMISSION TO ACCEPT

2. Permission to Accept the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Public Transportation Grant Agreement Formula Funds for Rural Areas to Provide Operating Assistance for Public Transportation in Martin County

- **Agreement/Contract drafted by** – FDOT
- **Parties to the Agreement/Contract** – FDOT and Martin County Board of County Commissioners
- **Purpose of the Agreement/Contract** – Grant award of \$41,537 to provide operating assistance to Martin County for its rural area public transportation route that serves the Village of Indiantown.
- **New/Renewal/Modified** – New
- **Duration** – Date of award until December 31,2026
- **Benefits to Martin County** – This grant provides operating funds for Martin County’s Public Transportation service (Marty). These funds will assist in continuing the public transit service that connects residents in the Village of Indiantown with the City of Stuart.
- **Cost to Martin County** –
 - a. A grant match of \$41,537, budgeted in the Transit budget; and
 - b. Staff time to administer the grant.

Alternative Action:

- **Programmatic Implication if not approved** – Public Transit services in the Village of Indiantown would need to be reduced or discontinued.
- **Financial Fiscal impact if not approved** – Martin County would need to provide funds from an alternate funding source or reduce Public Transit services accordingly.

Documents Requiring Action:

- Grant Contract
- Board Resolution
- Budget Resolution

Recommendation:

- Move that the Board adopt the resolution and authorize the Chair to execute the State of Florida Department of Transportation Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Grant for operating assistance;
- Move that the Board authorize the County Administrator or designee to execute any future non-monetary grant-related documents upon review and concurrence of the County Attorney’s Office; and
- Move that the Board adopt the Budget Resolution.

REVIEWED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

OTHER OMB ITEMS

3. Budget Resolution to Increase the Florida Opioid Settlement Funds

Opioid Settlement Funds began to disseminate to Florida counties in 2022. Martin County has been issued \$24,403.21 in additional funds. Funds will be used to assist with opioid use/misuse intervention strategies in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Attorney General's Office. Human Services will oversee the management of these funds.

The Office of Management and Budget is requesting approval of a budget resolution to allocate the additional revenues to increase the Florida Opioid Settlement Fund.

Documents Requiring Action:

- Budget Resolution

Recommendation:

- Move that the Board adopt the Budget Resolution to increase the Florida Opioid Settlement Fund.

REVIEWED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

4. Martin County Sheriff's Office Request for Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) Funds

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the use of Law Enforcement Trust Funds, in the amount of \$11,022.21, to be used for crime prevention programs such as drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer programs.

Documents Requiring Action:

- None

Recommendation:

- Move that the Board authorize the Sheriff's Office to utilize \$11,022.21 in Law Enforcement Trust Funds for crime prevention programs.

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Attachments

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