



DIVISION OF  
**STATE FIRE MARSHAL**  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES



July 27, 2023

City of Coconut Creek  
4800 West Copans Rd  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Jeffery Gary:

Congratulations! By now, you should have received correspondence from my office about the grant your municipality received through a legislative budget request during the 2023-2024 Florida Legislative Session. Those funds were appropriated July 1, 2023, in Specific Appropriation 2479A as nonrecurring funds. The grant was designed to reimburse your municipality for the purchase of firefighting equipment.

Per Florida law, all nonrecurring appropriations revert to the Florida Legislature on September 30 of the year following the appropriation (for example, unspent funds appropriated July 1, 2023, will automatically revert after September 30, 2024).

On September 30, 2024, unspent funds from Specific Appropriation 2479A will automatically revert. The Legislature may reappropriate those funds during the next legislative session, if requested, but it should be noted that approval is not guaranteed and is done on a case-by-case basis.

As a practical matter, to help manage your current, July 1, 2023 appropriation, the Division of State Fire Marshal (Division), through our budget office, briefed House and Senate Appropriations Staff on the supply chain and delivery issues associated with vehicle and large equipment purchases. Our goal is to be able to assure you that the appropriations process this year can be extended, if needed, for deliveries that might occur after September 30, 2024.

Please continue to communicate and work with Lauren Tingle, your contact in the Division of State Fire Marshal. She can be contacted at 850-413-3641. As your grant develops, we will need:

- Proof of obligation with your equipment vendor
- the estimated delivery date, in writing
- the contact name for the person managing this contract (for future updates).

The Division will manage the grant appropriation process for you. If the anticipated delivery date for your equipment is after September 30, 2024, we will, through our budget process, ask the legislature to

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revert and reappropriate your grant amount for another year. We will document the request to the legislature and monitor the appropriation process for you. If the due date for your equipment is between June 1, 2024 and September 30, 2024 please discuss with Lauren Tingle above for additional guidance. We do not want anyone to lose access to monies appropriated for your community by the Florida Legislature.

Going forward, future requests for equipment with a potential for longer-than-anticipated manufacturing times, you may wish to consider requesting grant funds as continuing appropriations rather than nonrecurring funds. This can be done at the time of the original request; however, it is subject to approval by the legislature.

The Division looks forward to working with you for a successful conclusion of this grant process and assisting you with any future public safety initiatives.

Sincerely,



JoAnne E. Rice

Director

Division of State Fire Marshal

Cc: House and Senate Appropriations Staff