



# SANTA ROSA COUNTY GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Gomillion  
FROM: Sheila Fitzgerald, Grants & Special Projects Director  
DATE: July 20, 2016  
SUBJECT: FY 2016/2017 Defense Grant Awards

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend acceptance and approval of FY 2016/2017 Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) and Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG) agreements including authorization of approximately \$14,000 in matching funds **contingent** upon successful negotiation process with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). This action precedes formal award and agreement; however, the approval is necessary to meet with DEO's expedited timeline including agreement execution no later than August 5, 2016. The final award amounts will be determined prior to this date.

### BACKGROUND

Applications were submitted as follows:

**DIG** - Grant funds in the amount of \$300,000 were requested to support the continued acquisition of properties or development rights. Properties to be considered are those that are prioritized in the 2016 Land Acquisition Study update. The required grant match will be met with the Navy's REPI program contributions to each transaction, which is typically a 3:1 match, or 75%. The period of performance is 3 years from date of award.

**DRG** - Grant funds in the amount of \$67,050 were requested to fund military consulting contract to represent Santa Rosa County in activities concerning DoD, Dept of the Navy, Dept of the Air Force and other armed forces. Funds will also be used for events and functions that reinforce positive relations between the community and the defense facility and includes \$19,750 for aviation focused marketing and recruitment. The period of performance will be July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

In previous years, DIG and DRG awards were handled through Enterprise Florida. In 2015, the defense grant programs were transferred via legislative action to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Since that time, there have been significant changes to the program. Some of the activities historically funded by Enterprise Florida through the DRG grant are no longer eligible under DEO. Consequently, there may be greater financial responsibility assumed by the county for defense related activities authorized by the board but determined to be ineligible under the DRG agreement.

### FUTURE ACTION

Upon conclusion of the negotiation phase and intent to award announcement, grant agreements will be executed by DEO. Should the final and best offer differ substantially from what is described herein, we will notify the board at the next opportunity. A budget amendment recognizing award amounts and matching funds will be brought to the Board at a later date. The recommend source of matching funds is the defense reserve funds held in fund 104.