



Board Approves Resolution to Pursue Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant

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The Dade County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution R-40-25 during its October workshop meeting, authorizing the county to apply for a public safety grant through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

The resolution allows the county to seek funding for equipment that will strengthen emergency response capabilities and improve safety for both first responders and residents. The Firehouse Subs Foundation provides competitive grants nationwide to fire departments, EMS units, law enforcement agencies, and other emergency organizations in need of essential tools and resources.

Chairman Don Townsend explained that the opportunity aligns with the county's long-term effort to enhance emergency services while managing costs responsibly. "This grant application doesn't require local matching funds," Townsend said. "If awarded, it will allow us to obtain critical public safety equipment without placing additional burden on taxpayers."

Commissioner Phillip Hartline voiced support for pursuing external funding whenever possible. "We want to take advantage of every opportunity to bring outside resources into Dade County," he said. "These kinds of grants help us keep our responders well equipped and our citizens protected."

Commissioner Bob Woods agreed, noting that grant partnerships represent smart fiscal management. "Any time we can secure equipment through grants instead of local revenue, that's a win for the community," Woods said.

County staff will complete the grant submission following board approval, with results expected later this year.

Townsend expressed appreciation for the ongoing collaboration between Dade County Emergency Services and the Board of Commissioners. "We're grateful for our public safety teams," he said. "This resolution is one more way we can support their mission to serve and protect our residents."

