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VILLAGE COUNCIL AWARDS \$39,000 IN GRANTS FROM INDIANTOWN COMMUNITY TRUST FUND TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS

Seven Non-Profits Receive Village Assistance

Indiantown, FL – Seven non-profit agencies that provide services to residents of the Village of Indiantown were awarded Indiantown Community Trust Fund (ICTF) grants by the Village Council on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Grant amounts ranged from \$8,145 to \$3,010 and passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote. Indiantown Mayor Janet Hernández abstained from the vote in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

These grant payouts are part of the regular Indiantown Fiscal Year budget process. Recommendations were made by the ICTF Committee after a careful review of received applications. The Village Council awarded grants to the following recipients:

- Holy Cross Service Center, \$8,145
 - To provide food, prescription, rent and utility assistance.
- Martin County Fair Association, \$8,000
 - To provide free career training to income eligible Indiantown students.
- YMCA of the Treasure Coast, \$6,700
 - Expand Internet service throughout the building and purchase 12 Chromebook laptops for shared use by Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) and school-age participants.
- Boys and Girls Club of Martin County, \$5,000
 - Arts programs, student supplies, AmeriCorps staffing, building maintenance and sanitation.
- Indiantown Civic Club, \$5,000
 - New irrigation system for 18 individual 5' x 10' gardens, install a new 60-amp electrical sub panel, and fencing.
- Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, \$3,145
 - To replace windows.
- Martin County 4-H Association, \$3,010
 - Entry fees to Village members to enter livestock in the Martin County Fair, member uniforms, educational trip, registration for three individuals to 4-H University in Gainesville.

These annual grants are part of the Village's IGTP agreement. Originally established by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, the development agreement partnered with the Indiantown Co-generation Project, a 1992 planned unit development (PUD), in what is now commonly called the FPL Plant on SR 710. The developers deposited \$1 million into the trust, which was administered by Martin

County, until it was transferred to the Village in 2018 after incorporation. Trust funds are allocated to help Indiantown residents through community non-profits. Since the trust began, grants have supported housing projects, food, health, and community mobility projects. The primary requirement of the grant process holds the grant must show a direct benefit to Village residents.

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Indiantown is a rural community in Florida's Treasure Coast. First established in the early 1900s, then incorporated on December 31, 2017, Florida's youngest municipality hosts a diverse population of roughly 6,000 residents. While it may be small, its resident engagement is exemplary and its potential for community building and new business opportunity is large. The Village mission seeks to enable economic prosperity and business while building pride and cohesion through hands-on self-governance.

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