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## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL PALM BEACH COUNTY

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### Delray Beach-Barwick Road

On June 14, 2017, the Palm Beach County Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint alleging misappropriation of funds by the City of Delray Beach. The complainant alleged the City of Delray Beach received \$134,000 from the "County to properly maintain Barwick Road and install missing links of sidewalk to ensure compliance with the 'Safe Routes to School' program."

The complainant explains that in the transfer agreement from Palm Beach County, the City of Delray agreed to assume maintenance responsibility for a certain portion of Barwick Road (from West Atlantic Avenue, north to the Lake Worth Drainage District L-30 Canal). In addition, the agreement indicates the road was scheduled to be resurfaced within 5 years of receipt of the monies at a cost of \$125,000 and will include a traffic separator to be constructed at the south end of the road for an estimated cost of \$9,000.00.

As a result of the OIG's inquiry, the City of Delray Beach acknowledged receipt of \$134,000 from the County. Additionally, the City responded, "the \$134,000 received from the County did not cover the cost of the resurfacing of the roadway. This meant additional monies needed to be allotted to this project. Based upon the City's needs there were other projects that were a higher priority."

Our review determined the City acknowledged the \$134,000 received from the County was not used pursuant to the terms of the inter-local agreement. The amount of \$130,774.32, was not used on the maintenance of Barwick Road. As a result of our analysis, we consider the amount of **\$130,774.32**, is identified costs that have the potential of being returned to the County to offset the County taxpayers' burden. The County was notified of the City's response on August 22, 2017 and was encouraged to recoup this money from the City.

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