



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ranking of firms and agreement with Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Coast JFCS for First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant - Quick Response Team services.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Coast JFCS for First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant (FR-CARA Grant) - Quick Response Team (QRT) services.

- This contract will staff a QRT to provide outreach and engagement of individuals referred to the program who were recently treated with naloxone or who are at risk of overdose. Outreach and engagement services will also be extended to the social supports (family and friends) of individuals referred to the QRT.
- Award in the amount of \$1,421,996.00.
- The Board of County Commissioners approved the FR-CARA Grant award totaling \$1,999,996.00 (\$499,999.00 per year) on October 12, 2021, under Legistar file 21-1827A. Remaining grant funds are allocated to training and evaluation services for the program.
- This contract was advertised on December 13, 2021, and is a request for specialized services requiring staff to be on call to assist clients and contains specialized substance use licensing. Human Services often receives limited or single responses due to the nature of their programs (requiring specific behavioral health training, licensure, and experience).
- One submission received from Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Coast JFCS. Negotiations were completed on April 11, 2022.

Contract No. 22-0163-P(LN); in the annual amount of \$355,499.00 from effective date through September 29, 2025, for a total contract value of \$1,421,996.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need.

Deliver First Class services to the Public and our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

The purpose of this contract is for Pinellas County Human Services, through GCJFCS, to partner with first responder organizations in the County to staff a QRT that will provide peer recovery resources and a program manager to coordinate training and access to naloxone throughout the County. The QRT will provide education and outreach to adults at risk of or having overdosed. Outreach includes, but may not be limited to, timely response post-overdose, community-based wellness checks, home visits, coordinating access to treatment resources, and distributing naloxone. Education includes providing naloxone training to individuals and/or their families and treatment resources to referred clients, their supports, and the community at large that may encounter the target population.

Background Information:

The Board has been awarded a federal grant under the FR-CARA Grant. As part of the FR-CARA Grant, the Board, through its Pinellas County Human Services (PCHS) and Safety and Emergency Services (SES), desires to contract to expand its QRT pilot program. This contract will be administered by PCHS in partnership with SES and other community partners. The contracted provider for the QRT shall coordinate across systems to provide outreach, engagement and connection to community substance use treatment for consenting individuals who have experienced an overdose or are at risk of an overdose.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,421,996.00, with an annual not-to-exceed sum of \$355,499.00 is provided by Grant #1H79TI084551-01 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). No match is required.

Appropriation to support related grant activities is not consistent with the development of the FY22 tentative budget. A budget supplement will be brought forward to recognize this grant, if needed.

Remaining grant funds are allocated to training and evaluation services for the program.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

GCJFCS

Pinellas County Fusion Group

Pinellas County Opioid Task Force

Attachments:

Ranking

Service Agreement