

**Florida Department of Children & Families
Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health
Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant 2023
Application Proposal Template**

For submission to & review by the Public Safety Coordinating Council

Applicant organization name: Pinellas County Human Services

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Program proposal title: Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Target population to be served: Homeless Adults (18+) w/MHD, SUD or COD and at risk CJ involvement

Number of individuals to be served: 150

Provide a brief overview of the applicant's organization: (Limit: 2000 characters w/spaces)

Pinellas County (applicant), through its Human Services Department has been creating solutions for a stronger community by serving those most in need since 1955. With a network of over 105 partner agencies and managing over 200 contracts and \$21 million in federal and state grants, Human Services works with our partners to help County residents meet essential needs and increase their self-sufficiency through a range of community programs covering health, homelessness, consumer protection, veteran services, justice coordination services, financial assistance and more. Pinellas County's Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program provides primary care, dental, and specialty care services to over 2,000 homeless residents annually through the Bayside Health Clinic, a mobile medical unit, a street medicine team, and telehealth. PCHS will partner through a subaward agreement with Boley Centers, PEMHS, and PCSO.

Boley Centers and Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services, Inc., two local non-profit mental health providers with long histories of providing services to the target population. Boley will be the lead subrecipient agency with oversight of the TIEH program through Project Director/Performance Management and supporting Case Management/Peer Staff. PEMHS, will provide clinical care staffing to the TIEH Program through a subaward agreement to Boley.

PCSO, will provide on-site access and office space to Pinellas Safe Harbor for TIEH Program. The PCSO is the lead law enforcement agency for Pinellas County. The PCSO is committed to establishing methods to prevent the criminalization of the homeless and mentally ill population.

Provide a program abstract, description, and related activities: (Limit: 2000 characters w/spaces)

Pinellas County is seeking to increase capacity of services, including case management, recovery support services, evidence based mental health and substance use treatment services, and/or housing navigation to 150 homeless adults 18 or older who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorders and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice system. In 2020, a working group was convened, including representation from the City of Largo Homeless Advisory Team, Homeless Leadership Alliance, Pinellas Park and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), to evaluate Safe Harbor's conditions, services, outcomes, and community impact. The goal was to reduce impacts on emergency services and surrounding neighborhoods. The working group identified the need for better engagement of Safe Harbor clients in housing and wrap around services including access to behavioral health treatment. Staffing constraints leave Safe Harbor with an average ratio of 1 case manager per 72 clients while the industry standard is 35 for standard case management. Safe Harbor serves on average, 1,385 unique individuals quarterly. Annual figures for 2022 indicate 30.6% of clients (1694/5540) self-report mental illness and 15.8% (875/5540) self-report alcohol and/or drug misuse resulting in approximately 45% of Safe Harbor clients self-reporting a behavioral health need.

The County will partner with Boley Centers, PCSO, and PEMHS. These providers offer vast experience engaging with individuals experiencing homelessness and criminal justice involvement, connecting individuals to treatment, and assisting clients' entry to housing. The program will utilize evidence-based practices to meet the program's goals including Critical Time Intervention, Trauma-Informed Care, Stages of Change, Seeking Safety, Motivational Interviewing, and Supportive Housing.

Describe the expected outcomes as a result of the proposed program: (Limit: 2000 characters w/spaces)

Pinellas County's objectives are to 1) Reduce the caseload ratio of existing case managers through the hiring of additional staff; 2) Increase the average % of placements into permanent housing; 3) Reduce the # of emergency incidents through connections to medical and behavioral healthcare; and 4) Engage and connect clients to enrollment resources for health insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, and/or mainstream benefits.

List of partnering organizations and associated roles (Limit: 800 characters w/spaces):

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Attach a proposed program budget including grant and match funding:

Total Grant Request (3-year total): \$1,200,000.00

Total Match Amount (3-year total): \$1,200,000.00

Explain the organization's grant writing capacity to complete the application by Feb 26, 2024:

(Limit: 800 characters w/spaces):

The Pinellas County Human Services Department employs grant writing staff capable of writing and submitting the required application in collaboration with the identified partners of the program. We do not anticipate an issues within the given time frame to complete the application.

Initial after each statement below to attest that you understand the requirements:

We have read Section 1.4 Local Match Requirements (page 5) within the RFA and will comply with the match requirements as required.

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The applicant must submit this proposal by email with a follow-up phone call to Marilyn Quiles, Grants Section, Human Services, Pinellas County by December 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. No late submissions will be accepted for review by the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

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A representative of the applicant organization will be present at the 1 p.m., December 18, 2023, meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council. The meeting location will be at the Pinellas County Justice Center, 3rd Floor Judicial Conference Room, 14250 49th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33762.

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If recommended by the Public Safety Coordinating Council, and accepted by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, the applicant will be responsible for writing and submitting the grant application in full to the Department of Children and Families by the Application Deadline of February 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION due by December 13, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.

EMAIL & CALL REQUIRED

Upon completion of the Applicant's Proposal Summary, email a PDF copy to Marilyn Quiles, Grants Section, Human Services Department, Pinellas County to mquiles@pinellas.gov **AND** confirm receipt by telephone by calling Marilyn Quiles, at 727-464-8458 to confirm receipt of the email submission.

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