

Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant

Submission Due Date: March 9, 2021

Amount: Up to \$400,000 per year for 3 years

Recommendation:

Program Recommendation from the Public Safety Coordinating Council as the Locally Designated Planning Council for the Grant approved at the February 5, 2021 9am PSCC meeting.

Program Title:

Complex Case Reintegration Program

Program Summary:

A recent analysis by the Opioid Strategic Information Project found that 23% of the individuals (75 individuals) with an opioid-related death listed in the Medical Examiner's records in 2019 had a previous local jail stay. Of the 75 individuals, approximately 51% died of an overdose within 6 months of exiting the jail (38 individuals). Recognizing the critical need to engage these individuals for connection to substance abuse, mental health, and community support service Pinellas County is seeking to collaborate to improve service connections.

The recommended program is designed to provide a bridge for complex cases suffering from substance use disorder or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders through initial engagement with appropriate in-reach and outreach efforts, intensive case management, improved substance abuse and mental health service access, and connections to community-based resources for improved stabilization.

Efforts will enhance community-based case management/navigator staffing to connect with individuals from the jail, safe harbor, and homeless referrals from local law enforcement. While providing short-term intensive case management and treatment access, the program will work with individuals to improve connections to community-based services for ongoing substance abuse/mental health services, health care services, disability benefits, shelter/housing, and other basic needs.

Community Partners/Programs:

The program will seek collaboration with local law enforcement, local behavioral health and homeless systems of care partners, and critical programs such as the Pinellas Jail Diversion Program, Homeless Outreach, the Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI Program), Rapid Rehousing, and SOAR. Others will be identified during application development.