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Memorandum

To: Kevin Knutson, Assistant County Administrator, Pinellas County
Chris Rose, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Pinellas County
Auria Oliver, Grants Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, Pinellas County

From: Duggan Cooley, Pinellas Community Foundation 

Date: April 28, 2023

RE: ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund – Round 1 Large Projects Updated Committee Recommendations

The Pinellas ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund Large Projects Committee reconvened on April 14 to transparently address the discovery that two organizations were incorrectly placed on the original ranked project list. The meeting minutes and a recording of the meeting are available at <https://pinellascf.org/grants/arpa/arpa-nonprofit-capital-project-fund/docs/>.

When the committee reconvened on April 14, they reviewed the ranking list with both Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP) and Evara Health in their correct rank placement. These two projects, along with Gulf Coast JFCS had scores that were less than one percentage point apart. The committee worked to balance both process and expectation in adjusting their funding recommendations. The committee's updated funding recommendations along with an updated geographic analysis are attached to this memo.

In addition, here are key points about the updated recommendations:

1. Each organization was reminded funding allocations are not final until approved by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, and the organization has a signed contract allowing commencement of their project.
2. Two projects were added to the list of organizations recommended for funding – Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP) and Gulf Coast JFCS.
3. The funding initially recommended for Evara Health was reduced, reflecting their correct ranking placement.
4. Full project applications are available to review at the link at the beginning of this memo.
5. 87% of the project recommendations are from organizations providing services in priority funding areas as discussed with commissioners: individuals with disabilities, food security, specialized healthcare (mental health, dental care, substance use), and housing.

After the reconvening, the committee's original intent remained intact: to prioritize projects that would reach the most people in Pinellas County as well as projects that will have a tremendous impact on residents by expanding access to food, housing, education, and healthcare.

PCF is ready to attend a work session and Commission meeting once the review of these recommendations is scheduled. We will be prepared to answer any questions that may arise as these recommendations are considered.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to: Duggan Cooley, CEO, 727-306-3124 or David Bender, Director of Grants and Operations, 727-306-3888.

Attachment



**Large Capital Projects
Committee Rank and Review/Award Recommendations**

This document shows full proposals submitted for the Large Projects track of the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund and their respective funding recommendations based upon the most recent review committee meeting on 4/14/23. The chart below includes project location and geographic reach of the organization's proposed project. A Pinellas County map designating "North," "Mid-" and "South" County is included on the final page of this document.

Rank	Organization	Requested	Amount Recommended	Purpose	Project Location	Project Service Area
1	St. Petersburg Free Clinic	\$3,000,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	Expansion and renovation of food bank to triple capacity and increase access to fresh, perishable food.	3010 22nd Avenue South, #2392, St. Petersburg, FL 33712	Entire County
2	Pinellas Ex Offender Re Entry Coalition Inc. (PERC)	\$2,461,492.00	\$ 2,461,492.00	Renovation of affordable housing units, commercial kitchen, new roofs for community centers, and 32 new affordable housing units	12810 US HWY 19 N Clearwater FL 33764	Entire County
3	The Shirley Proctor Puller Foundation	\$37,768.00	\$ 37,768.00	Carpet replacements to ensure safety of children in classrooms used for after-school literacy programing.	3300 31st Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712	South County

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4	African People's Education and Defense Fund Inc. ¹	\$67,327.00	\$ 67,327.00	Backup generator to keep community kitchen storage and food production active during power outages/ disasters.	1245 18th Ave S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705	South County
5	Brookwood Florida Inc.	\$55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	Fire escape stairs renovation to ensure safety of teenage residents of group home.	901 Seventh Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705-1998	Entire County
6	Daystar Life Center Inc	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	Awnings to improve food pantry operations and safety of both volunteers and clients	1055 28th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712	South County
7	Florida Dream Center	\$1,825,998.00	\$ 1,825,998.00	Purchase and renovations of organization's Lealman headquarters where food and case management services are provided.	4017 56th Ave N., St. Petersburg FL 33714	Entire County
8	YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg Inc.	\$5,000,000.00	\$ 1,352,078.00	Support for construction of new YMCA facility to expand youth and family services to underserved communities	Speer YMCA 501 62nd Ave. NE St Petersburg, FL 33702	Mid- and South County
9	Hope Villages of America Inc.	\$248,259.00	\$ 248,259.00	New HVAC systems for affordable housing units and food bank	503 South Martin Luther King Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756	Affordable Housing: North County Food Bank: Entire County

¹This applicant was provided the same access and consideration as all other applicants. However, Pinellas Community Foundation has raised concerns about the inability to isolate this applicant's project to the sole benefit of a 501(c)3 direct service nonprofit, which is required by the grant program guidelines.

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10	Homeless Empowerment Program / HEP	\$423,600.00	\$ 423,600.00	Replacement of HVAC systems in housing units for people experiencing homelessness	1101 Holt Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33755	Entire County
11	Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services	\$2,400,000.00	\$ 464,239.00	Renovation of headquarters where services from employment behavioral health, youth/family, to refugee services are provided (systems, HVAC, plumbing, and IT wiring)	14041 Icot Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33760	Entire County
12	Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. DBA Evara Health	\$3,197,200.00	\$ 464,239.00	Expansion of health center to provide medical and behavioral health services	14100 58th St N, Clearwater, FL 33760	Entire County
13	Unitarian Universalist Church of St Petersburg Florida	\$72,000.00	\$ 0.00	Building improvements for outreach ministry for those experiencing homelessness (new windows, drainage, HVAC, kitchen equipment, and restrooms)	719 Arlington Ave N. St. Petersburg, FL	South County
14	WestCare GulfCoast-Florida Inc.	\$1,533,551.00	\$ 0.00	Renovation of homeless inebriate emergency shelter facility	8800 49th Street N #402 Pinellas Park, FL 33782	Entire County
15	The ARC Tampa Bay Inc.	\$330,796.00	\$ 0.00	Renovations of Adult Day Training site to create new classrooms and bathroom	1501 N. Belcher Road, Suite 249; Clearwater, FL 33765	North County

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16	The Studio@620	\$184,600.00	\$ 0.00	Renovations and facility upgrade of an arts and culture gallery/community event space (drywall replacement, roof resurfacing, door/windows, new HVAC units, etc.)	620 1st Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701	South County
17	Volunteers of America of Florida Inc.	\$748,300.00	\$ 0.00	Renovation of modernization of affordable housing units	802 Mango St, Tarpon Springs, 34687	North County
18	Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. dba Tampa Bay Neighborhood Housing Services	\$82,000.00	\$ 0.00	Renovations of organization headquarters to continue education on Home Ownership and Economic Development	608 North Garden Avenue Clearwater, FL 33755	North County
19	Neighborly Care Network	\$750,000.00	\$ 0.00	Purchase of new space or renovations of current space for admin operations, dining site, and transportation services for the elderly	13945 Evergreen Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33762	Entire County

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REGIONS

Pinellas County Community Council ZIP Code Boundaries

- North County
- Mid-County
- South County

