



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Funding recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2025 Human Services Social Action Grant Program.

Recommended Action:

Approval of funding recommendations by the Social Action Funding Advisory Board (SAFAB) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Social Action Grant Funding Agreements with twenty community agencies and delegation of authority to the County Administrator to sign all associated agreements and documentation.

- Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive, online grant application process for the FY25 Social Action Grant.
- The grant solicitation opened on March 11, 2024, and fifty-five applications were received, totaling \$5,241,589.32 in requested funding.
- On May 20, 2024, following review and ranking of the applications, the SAFAB voted to recommend awards to twenty projects and three alternates. Awards range from \$32,000.00 to \$150,000.00.
- Funding for these recommendations is included in the requested FY25 Budget submission in the General Fund portion of the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$1,705,610. Each agreement will contain a fiscal non-funding clause.

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

2.4 Support programs that seek to prevent and remedy the causes of homelessness and move individuals and families from homelessness to permanent housing

Summary:

Twenty (20) community agencies are recommended by the SAFAB for Social Action Grant Funding with programming in the priority areas of food/nutritional services; homeless prevention and supportive services; healthcare and human services for disadvantaged residents; and supportive services for an aging population. A breakdown of awards is attached. The grant award will be for a one-year (1) project period.

Background Information:

Social Action Grants are available to qualified non-profit social service organizations desiring to provide services to homeless and low-income residents of Pinellas County to address their health, economic and social well-being. Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive, online application process for Social Action Funding through Neighborly Software. The grant solicitation was posted on March 11, 2024, and a standard application form was used to promote effective review and

scoring. Agreements will be for one year and will include a fiscal non-funding clause.

The SAFAB was established in 2023 to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and one of its primary duties is to review applications and recommend projects to be funded by social service funds. The SAFAB consists of members from Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, Florida Department of Health- Pinellas County Health Department, the City of St. Petersburg, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg, Guardian ad Litem, the Juvenile Welfare Board, Pinellas County School Board, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the Public Defender, and the State Attorney. Pinellas County Human Services will work with the agencies to collect performance outcomes and reporting guidelines.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,705,610.00 has been identified in the Human Services' proposed Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) General Fund appropriation.

The individual funding amounts are as follows:

Boley Centers, Inc.	\$76,615.00
Brookwood Centers, Inc.	\$32,000.00
Community Action Stops Abuse	\$100,000.00
Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.	\$68,750.00
Dunedin Cares, Inc.	\$60,000.00
Family Resources, Inc	\$99,000.00
Feeding America Tampa Bay, Inc. dba Feeding Tampa Bay	\$150,000.00
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc.	\$75,635.00
Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas, Inc.	\$56,250.00
Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.	\$143,785.00
Humane Society of Pinellas, Inc.	\$80,176.80
Metropolitan Ministries, Inc.	\$90,277.00
Neighborly Care Network, Inc.	\$150,000.00
Pinellas County Urban League, Inc.	\$150,000.00
Ready for Life, Inc.	\$36,140.20
Seniors In Service of Tampa Bay, Inc.	\$99,981.00
St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Inc.	\$99,000.00
The Bethel Community Foundation, Inc.	\$55,000.00
Van Gogh's Palette, Inc. dba Vincent House	\$40,000.00
Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center, Inc.	\$43,000.00

Staff Member Responsible:

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Boley Centers, Inc.
Brookwood Florida, Inc.
Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc.
Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.
Dunedin Cares, Inc. DBA Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry

Family Resources, Inc.
Feeding America Tampa Bay, Inc. dba Feeding Tampa Bay
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc.
Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas, Inc.
Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.
Humane Society of Pinellas, Inc.
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Attachments:

SAF Recommendation List
SAF Summary Chart
SAF Scoring
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Applications Recommended for Funding
Applications Reviewed not Recommended