

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
PINELLAS COUNTY AND THE  
PINELLAS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

FIRST RENEWAL

Legistar ID Number 25-1227A

THIS FIRST RENEWAL is effective upon the date executed below, by and between **PINELLAS COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "**COUNTY**", and Sara Mollo, Public Defender for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, an independent constitutional officer, whose address is 14250 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762 hereinafter referred to as "**PUBLIC DEFENDER**". The Parties hereby renew the Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) between the **COUNTY** and the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** dated October 25, 2022, amended March 21, 2024, by the Director of Administrative Services.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** desires to supplement the funding received by the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** for the expansion of programs to allow the PD to intervene for Jail Diversion, including recovery services; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** desires to supplement the funding received by the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** to address the high turnover rate for Case Managers serving Foster Children in **COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** is committed to serving youth in Pinellas County that has transitioned or preparing to transition from the Foster Care System; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 29.008 requires the **COUNTY** to furnish information technology services to the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** in the form of computers, peripherals, and support for this equipment; and

WHEREAS the **COUNTY**, the **PUBLIC DEFENDER**, the Sixth Judicial Circuit State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit Florida State Courts, and community partners, entered into a

Memorandum of Understanding dated January 14, 2022, with the intent to seek funding to establish a mental health court in Pinellas County, and funding was received on December 7, 2021;

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** recognizes that the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** is providing an essential service within the community; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** desires to utilize a portion of the funds available out of the Pinellas General Fund to assist the justice system within Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the best interests of the **COUNTY** and the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** are served by making efficient use of existing expertise and resources; and

WHEREAS, both the **COUNTY** and the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** have the authority to enter into an **Agreement** pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes. and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated into and are made a part of this Agreement.
2. This Agreement is hereby renewed pursuant to Section 1 – Term of Agreement thereof, effective October 1, 2025, and continuing for a period of 24 months from that date unless terminated or cancelled as provided therein.
3. Section 2- Compensation is amended to read:

The total annual amount for professional services under this Agreement shall not exceed a maximum amount of One Million Eight Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred Forty (\$1,831,340.00) Dollars. The approximate funding allocation across program areas is detailed in the Updated Appendix A, incorporated herein by reference, subject to final appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners each year in alignment with the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) and the Pinellas County Adopted Budget.

Any amendments to the budget appropriation impacting the above programs shall be coordinated through OMB in accordance with Pinellas County budget guidelines and approvals, with notice to the incorporated Contract Liaison.

The parties reserve the right to adjust future fiscal year(s) compensation amounts in writing by mutual Agreement of the Parties without the need to further amend this Agreement pursuant to the annual adopted **PUBLIC DEFENDER's** budget. In the event the annual compensation changes, payment and invoice amounts contained herein shall be adjusted accordingly.

4. Except as herein provided, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed on the day and year written below.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By: 




PINELLAS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Brian Scott, Chairman

Date: October 7, 2025.

Sara Mollo, Public Defender  
for the Sixth Judicial Court

By: 

Date: 9.10.25

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Cody J. Ward  
Office of the County Attorney

# Updated Appendix A

**FY26 Interlocal Budget: \$1,831,340.00**

COUNTY-FUNDED PERSONNEL				
Position	FTE	Salary	Benefits	SUBTOTALS
MATT Cass Managers	3	\$ 150,532.00	\$ 97,818.00	\$ 248,350.00
Juvenile Crossover Case Managers	2	\$ 100,357.00	\$ 65,213.00	\$ 165,570.00
MATT Sr. Mental Health Professionals	2	\$ 142,934.00	\$ 73,856.00	\$ 216,790.00
MATT Mental Health Professional	1	\$ 52,905.00	\$ 20,085.00	\$ 72,990.00
Juvenile Mental Health Professional	1	\$ 52,905.00	\$ 20,085.00	\$ 72,990.00
IT Professional	1	\$ 86,450.00	\$ 27,900.00	\$ 114,350.00
TOTAL				\$ 891,040.00
Note: Budgeted salaries/benefits are based on average expenditures for each position and may vary slightly on an individual level based on staff experience, education, benefits elections, and state legislative changes.				

COUNTY-FUNDED SERVICES	
Category	Amount
Problem Solving Court (MHC Expansion)	\$ 50,000.00
Mental Health Court Services	\$ 100,000.00
MATT Jail Diversion Program Services	\$ 789,300.00
Subpoena Services	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 940,300.00