



Social Action Grant Funding Program

I. Overview

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners allocates Social Action Funds (SAF) for use by various social services agencies.

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. The current Social Action programs were initiated in FY2012 and the twelve (12) organizations are in their fifth year of funding with programs continued while evaluating the Social Action process.

Throughout the FY2016 contracting process, beginning in May 2015, Pinellas County advised recipients that a competitive process would be released for FY2017 funding. In addition, Human Services announced the competitive process during mandatory contract introduction meetings in September 2015 and in community forums in the fall of 2015.

For FY2017 Pinellas County Human Services released a competitive opportunity for agencies to apply for SAF and accepted applications from qualified non-profit social services organizations desiring to provide services to low income residents of Pinellas County to address their health, economic and social well-being. The application instructions outlined the requirements and the process for selection of organizations to receive funding.

➤ SAF Grant Solicitation

- Human Services released the SAF grant solicitation and related documents on April 6, 2016. Applicants were provided with an overview of the program, the anticipated amount of available funding, instructions on completing the grant application, and all deadlines and location for submission of applications.
- Application questions were due by email on April 13, 2016.
- Application submission deadline was May 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
- Fifty-nine (59) applications were submitted.
- Nineteen (19) agencies and twenty-two (22) programs were recommended for funding.

➤ **Application Review**

- The Social Action Grant Selection Committee was comprised of six (6) reviewers from the following organizations: Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB), Department of Children and Families (DCF), Homeless Leadership Board (HLB), James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center, Pinellas County Office of Management and Budget, and Pinellas County Community Development.
- Applications and instructions were distributed to all committee members on May 13, 2016. Committee members were instructed to review and score applications prior to the Social Action Grant Selection Committee meeting.
- The Social Action Grant Selection Committee meeting was noticed on the County public calendar and held on May 23, 2016. One individual from the public attended.

➤ **Deliberations**

- Deliberations were held during the Social Action Grant Selection Committee meeting during which time the reviewers discussed applications, made funding recommendations, and ensured that all available funds were allocated.
- Reviewers made final determinations on scoring and funding recommendations.

➤ **Notification**

- A letter will be sent notifying the agencies of the funding recommendations.