



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Funding Agreements with service providers for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of funding agreements with eight (8) nonprofit entities for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide (JAG-C).

- The JAG-C is a formula-based U.S. Department of Justice pass-through grant administered by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). It supports projects that help reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system.
- The JAG-C will provide \$250,805.00 in funding to support eleven projects in Pinellas County. Human Services will administer nine (9) of the projects totaling \$194,305.00. One project funds internal program administration for the grants and the other eight (8) projects requires agreements between the county and the awarded nonprofit agencies.
- The eight (8) agreements for approval are: ALPHA House of Pinellas County, Inc.'s (Alpha House) Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Abuse (\$24,255.06), Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast, Inc.'s (Boys & Girls Club) Youth Prevention Program (\$8,300.98), Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc.'s (CASA) Collateral for Pinellas Law Enforcement (\$7,317.00), Goodwill Industries Suncoast Inc.'s (Goodwill), Tampa Bay Community Reentry Center (\$47,750.00), MORE Health, Inc. (MORE Health) for Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention training for youth (\$25,000.00), Recovery Epicenter Foundation's Inc.'s (Recovery Epicenter) The Catcher's Mitt (\$40,000.00), Van Gogh's Palette, Inc, dba Vincent House's (Vincent House) Clubhouse Project (\$8,300.98), and WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc.'s (WestCare) Mustard Seed Inn Case Management (\$8,300.98).
- The Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) reviewed applications for projects to be funded by JAG-C. The selected projects were voted on and recommended by the SAAB on August 15, 2023. The Board approved those recommendations on September 19, 2023.
- Funding to support this agreement was anticipated and included in the FY24 Budget.

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

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

The JAG-C is a formula-based pass-through grant of federal funds awarded to Pinellas County by the FDLE through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. JAG-C applications were received through a competitive solicitation and reviewed by the SAAB. On August 15, 2023, the SAAB approved the recommendation of eleven (11) projects for funding.

JAG-C Of these projects, nine (9) will be administered by Human Services. One (1) supports the administration of the grant program (\$25,080.00) and eight (8) are subawards with the following nonprofits:

ALPHA House - Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Abuse	\$24,255.06
Boys & Girls Club - Youth Prevention Program	\$8,300.98
CASA - Collateral for Pinellas Law Enforcement	\$7,317.00
Goodwill - Community Reentry Center	\$47,750.00
MORE Health - Firearm Safety Prevention Program	\$25,000.00
Recovery Epicenter - The Catcher's Mitt	\$40,000.00
Vincent House - Clubhouse Project	\$8,300.98
WestCare - Mustard Seed Inn	\$8,300.98

Background/Explanation:

The JAG-C is a recurring DOJ pass-through grant administered by FDLE. JAG-C Projects must fall within a specific federal purpose area that reduces crime and/or improves the criminal justice system. The program is governed by Rule 11D-9 of the Florida Administrative Code (Code 11D-9) and funds are allocated to the County based partially on population and crime statistics.

The SAAB was established in 1989 to comply with Code 11D-9, stating Florida counties should appoint a substance abuse policy board that represents all components of the criminal justice system. The SAAB serves 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 JAG-C.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,805.00 is provided by the JAG-C to support eleven (11) projects in Pinellas County. Of these projects, nine (9) will be administered by Human Services. Eight (8) projects are for the attached agreements, with other being the Human Services Planning Position. These projects have a combined total of \$194,305.00.

The City of Largo and the City of Clearwater will administer their own projects directly with FDLE. The City of Largo project total is \$5,000.00 and the City of Clearwater project total is \$51,500.00.

Funding to support this agreement was anticipated and \$196,210.00 is included in the FY24 Budget.

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the County Administrator to sign these Agreements is granted under Code Section 2-62 (a)(1).

Staff Member Responsible:

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

Partners:

ALPHA House
Boys & Girls Club
CASA
Goodwill
MORE Health
Recovery Epicenter
Vincent House
WestCare
SAAB

Attachments:

8 Agreements