



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Funding recommendations for the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution of the grant project funding recommendations submitted by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) for the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide (JAG-C) and grant administration documents including delegation of authority for grant administration and approval of recommendations on behalf of unincorporated Pinellas County.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide Planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Summary:

JAG-C is a U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) pass-through grant administered by the FDLE. JAG -C Projects must fall within a specific federal purpose area that reduces crime and/or improves the criminal justice system through law enforcement, the court system, the corrections system, education/treatment programs, community programs, and/or planning/technological programs.

FY 18 JAG-C submissions were received through a competitive solicitation and reviewed by the SAAB. On October 12, 2017, the SAAB approved the following ten (10) projects for funding:

Alpha House	Child Abuse Prevention	\$10,000.00
City of Clearwater	Clearwater Police: Mental Health Check Team	\$15,848.78
City of St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg Police Department: Prevention and Safety Program	\$ 4,675.00
Family Resources	Community Placement Intake Services	\$33,500.00
MORE Health	Firearm Safety Lessons	\$25,000.00
PACE Center for Girls	Spirited Girls! Program	\$10,000.00
Pinellas County Sheriff	Sexual Predator and Offender Tracking	\$97,325.00
Suncoast Center	Forensic Focused Outreach	\$33,500.00
Westcare	Mustard Seed Inn	\$20,000.00
Justice Coordination	JAG Planning Grant	\$27,530.22

FDLE anticipates that \$277,379.00 in funds will be set aside to be used within the County. Of the ten (10) recommended awards, seven (7) will be administered by Human Services. These projects have a combined total of \$159,530.22.

The Pinellas County Sheriff, the City of Clearwater, and the City of St. Petersburg will administer each of their own respective projects directly with FDLE. These three (3) projects have a combined total of \$117,848.78.

FDLE has not officially accepted the federal award at the State level and local projects are delayed due to FDLE timing. Human Services is moving forward with recommendations and participation documentation to avoid additional delay in the state process. No awards are final until the state process is complete.

Background Information:

Florida's JAG-C program represents 60% of the state's total federal Justice Assistance Grant award. 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 (law enforcement, state attorney, public defender, judiciary, corrections, education system, treatment facilities, and other community partners). 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:

FDLE has indicated \$277,379.00 will be set aside to be used within the County. Funding in the amount of \$188,650.00 is included in Human Services' FY18 Budget under Justice Coordination for the programs administered by Human Services Department.

Staff Member Responsible:

Lourdes Benedict, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Substance Abuse Advisory Board; Alpha House of Pinellas County; City of Clearwater; City of St. Petersburg; Family Resources; MORE Health; PACE Center for Girls; Pinellas County Sheriff's Office; Suncoast Center; Westcare Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.; the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Attachments:

JAG-C Funding Recommendations FY 18
JAG-C Delegation of Authority
JAG-C BCC Approval Letter
JAG-C Intent to Apply FY 18
JAG-C Applications Received FY 18
SAAB 10-12-2017 Meeting Minutes