



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Human Services Social Action Grant funding recommendations.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Social Action Grant Funding Recommendations and direct Human Services to negotiate agreements for the recommended programs.

- Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive grant application process for FY23 Social Action Grant Funding.
- The grant solicitation opened on April 1, 2022, and fifty-seven applications were received.
- Two Social Action Review committees were convened to discuss applications and recommend awards that best meet the needs of the County and its residents. The committees recommend awards for sixteen agencies.
- An amount not to exceed \$1,551,000.00 in funding is available; this is the same amount as FY22. The committees made recommendations totaling the full available amount, with individual awards ranging from \$35,000.00 to \$150,000.00.
- Sixteen community agencies are recommended 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 the recommended awards is attached. The grant awards will be for a one-year project period. Funding Recommendations are attached.

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:

Sixteen (16) community agencies are recommended 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 the recommended awards is attached. The grant awards will be for a one-year (1) project period.

Background Information:

Social Action Grants are available to eligible 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 April 1, 2022. Organizations were eligible to apply for funding between \$10,000 and \$150,000.

Fifty-seven (57) applications were received. A diverse review committee of community partners developed funding recommendations following publicly advertised meetings to discuss application scoring, community and geographical needs, priority areas, and funding availability. The review committees consisted of representatives from the Pinellas County School Board, the Florida Department of Children and Families, the Lealman Community Revitalization Area (CRA), the City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County Justice Coordination and Human Services, and the Assistant State Attorney's Office. All reviewers attested to no conflict of interest with applicant agencies. Sixteen (16) applications were recommended for consideration and approval by the Board.

Fiscal Impact:

An amount not to exceed \$1,551,000.00 has been budgeted in the Human Services FY23 proposed General Fund budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Abilities, Inc. of Florida
Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.
Boley Centers, Inc.
Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. dba- Evara Health
F.E.A.S.T., Inc.
Florida Dream Center, Inc.
Healthy Start Coalition of Pinellas, Inc.
Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.
Local Community Housing Corporation
Metropolitan Ministries, Inc.
Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition, Inc.
Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc.
Society of St. Vincent De Paul South Pinellas, Inc.
The Bethel Community Foundation, Inc.
The Salvation Army of St. Petersburg
WestCare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc.

Attachments:

Funding Recommendations
Chart