



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

File #: 20-737A, Version: 1

**Subject:**

Funding recommendations for the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

**Recommended Action:**

Approval of the grant project funding recommendations submitted by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide (JAG-C).

- The JAG-C is a U.S. Department of Justice pass-through grant administered by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. It supports projects that help reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system.
- The JAG-C will provide \$268,112.00 in funding to support seven projects in 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 applications were received through a competitive solicitation and reviewed by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB). On April 15, 2020, the SAAB approved the following seven (7) projects for funding:

Alpha House	Child Abuse Prevention	\$25,000.00
MORE Health	Firearm Safety & Violence Prevention	\$25,000.00
Pinellas County Sheriff	Sexual Predator & Offender Tracking	\$100,000.00
Suncoast Center	Forensic Focused Outreach	\$35,000.00
St. Petersburg Police	Keeping K 9s Safe in the Sunshine	\$26,301.00
WestCare	Mustard Seed Inn	\$30,000.00
Justice Coordination	JAG Planning Grant	\$26,811.00

**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.

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. 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 \$268,112.00 is provided by the JAG-C to support seven (7) projects in Pinellas County. Of these projects, five (5) will be administered by Human Services. These projects have a combined total of \$141,811.00.

The Pinellas County Sheriff and the City St. Petersburg Police Department will administer each of their own respective projects directly with FDLE. These two (2) projects have a combined total of \$126,301.00.

Funding to support this agreement was anticipated and included in the FY20 Adopted Budget. This item is consistent with the development of the FY20 estimate and FY21 budget.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Alpha House, MORE Health, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, City of St. Petersburg, Suncoast Center, WestCare, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Attachments:**

JAG-C 51% Approval Letter  
Subaward Management Compliance Questionnaire  
JAG-C Funding Recommendations  
SAAB 4-15-20 Meeting Minutes  
Letter of Delegation