



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

First Option of Renewal with Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. for a diversion program.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the First Option of Renewal with Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. (HLA) for a diversion program.

- This Renewal provides funding for a diversion program for homeless individuals and families. The diversion program provides for two Master's-level Diversion Case Managers and flexible funding for related client assistance.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$134,000.00 has been identified in the Human Services' anticipated Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund appropriation.

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

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:

This Renewal provides funding for a Diversion Program for homeless individuals and families. The Diversion Program provides for two (2) Master's Level Case Managers and flexible funding for related client assistance.

Background/Explanation:

As a core part of the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), Pinellas County has funded a diversion program to divert individuals and families that can be stabilized. The program works to reduce the demand for shelter beds and homeless services by providing case management and direct services to divert households to stable housing placements prior to entering the homeless system. Strategies include: problem solving, crisis intervention, family mediation, linkage to services and flexible funding. The HLA directly delivers services under this agreement.

Since the inception of the program, HLA served 1,114 households, of which 564 were divertible.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in the amount of \$134,000.00 to support this agreement is consistent with the FY21 Proposed Budget.

Delegated Authority:

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

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.

Attachments:

Renewal