



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Funding recommendations for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund program and service agreement for non-profit agencies.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund recommendations from the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) and execution of the funding agreement with six agencies.

- Annual funding of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund (Trust Fund) is provided through the assessment of court fees for alcohol and drug-related charges.
- Funds are awarded to licensed substance abuse providers for non-recurring expenditures such as equipment or renovations.
- The Fiscal Year 2023 available Trust Fund allocation is \$35,000.00. This is a decrease from previous years, \$40,000.00 in both FY22 and FY21, and \$53,000.00 in FY20 through FY16, due to a decrease in the number of court fee assessments.
- A competitive application process is held annually for grants from \$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00. There were eight applications requesting a total of \$66,543.84 in funding. Following the committee review process, the SAAB is recommending six Pinellas County non-profit agencies for awards.
- No match is required.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund awards are disbursed annually to recipients who are licensed as substance abuse treatment providers with the Florida Department of Children and Families. The County holds a competitive process to solicit applications for the Trust Fund. Applications are reviewed and selected for funding by the SAAB. Funds must be used for non-recurring expenditures such as equipment, special projects, training, renovations, and formalized prevention activities. On November 3, 2022, the SAAB approved the recommendation of six (6) projects for funding. Recommended awards range from approximately \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Background Information:

The Trust Fund provides funding to nonprofit organizations that provide alcohol and/or drug abuse treatment and/or prevention programs. Assessments collected by the Clerk of Court generated from \$15.00 court fees as defined in Chapters 938.23 and 893.165 of the Florida Statutes, shall be remitted to the Board of County Commissioners to supply the Trust Fund. The funds must be used for one-time only, non-recurring expenditures such as equipment, special projects, training, renovations, and formalized prevention activities. To be eligible for an award the organization must be licensed as a substance abuse treatment provider under Chapter 397 of the Florida Statutes.

Fiscal Impact:

Appropriation in the amount of \$35,000.00 dollars to support these agreements is consistent with the development of the FY23 Human Services Approved Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Substance Abuse Advisory Board
Boley Centers, Inc.
Family Resources, Inc.
Operation PAR, Inc.
Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services, Inc. (PEMHS)
Suncoast Center, Inc.
Westcare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc.

Attachments:

Agreement - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund FY22-23
SAAB Trust Fund Grant Recommendations FY22-23