



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Program recommendation for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant submission.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Public Safety Coordinating Council's program recommendation of the Complex Case Reintegration Program for submission to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (CJMHSA) Reinvestment Grant.

- The CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant program requires the oversight of a Planning Committee designated by the Board of County Commissioners (Board).
- In Pinellas County, the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) was designated as the Planning Committee by the Board on October 16, 2007 to make program recommendations under CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant. The program requires Board approval of the recommendation prior to submission.
- Due to critical grant timelines, a PSCC public meeting was set for February 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM.
- A competitive solicitation was initiated, and press release issued, for community proposals seeking consideration by the PSCC. No community proposals were received for consideration by the February 4, 2021, 1:00 PM deadline.
- On February 5, 2021, the PSCC held a discussion on the CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant. With no community proposals received, the PSCC voted to recommend the County proceed with a program to help with intensive case management and service connections for reintegration of justice involved individuals coming from the jail and other local referral sources.
- A recent review found that 23% of the Pinellas opioid-related deaths in 2019 had previous jail stays (75 individuals), with approximately 51% of these individuals having a fatal overdose within 6 months of release from jail.
- The recommended program, the Complex Case Reintegration Program, would seek to enhance resources to help bridge these individuals to services and reduce gaps while striving to improve stabilization.
- If the recommendation is approved, Human Services will work with community partners to develop an application for review and submission by March 9, 2021. An in-kind match equal to the award amount is required and will be identified during application development. There is no cash match.
- This grant opportunity funds up to the amount of \$1,200,000.00 over three years.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety and Welfare

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

Summary:

With the release of a new CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant solicitation, the PSCC offers an opportunity for nonprofit organizations to apply for funding. When a local program receives funding through the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the PSCC is responsible for oversight of the program and a representative provides a report during quarterly meetings.

A competitive solicitation was held for community proposals; however, none were received by the February 4, 2021, 1:00pm deadline. On February 5, 2021, the PSCC held a discussion on the CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant and voted to recommend the County proceed with a program to help with intensive case management and service connections for reintegration of justice involved individuals coming from the jail and other local referral sources.

A recent review by the Pinellas Opioid Strategic Information Project found that 23% of the Pinellas opioid-related deaths in 2019 had previous jail stays (75 individuals), with approximately 51% of these individuals having a fatal overdose within 6 months of release from jail. The recommended program, the Complex Case Reintegration Program, seeks to enhance resources to help bridge these individuals to services and reduce gaps while striving to improve stabilization.

Background Information:

The CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant Program was created by the 2007 Florida Legislature by s.394.656, F.S., and is housed within the Department of Children and Families. The purpose of the grant funding is for counties to plan, implement, or expand initiatives that increase public safety and avert increased spending on criminal and juvenile justice systems. Funds also go toward programs that improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults and juveniles who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorders, or both, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal or juvenile justice systems.

The County received a three year CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant in July 2020 entitled Road to Success: An expansion of the Office of the Public Defender's Pinellas County Crossover for Children's Program. This program partners with Ready for Life to provide therapists, counselors and an attorney to assist youth aging out of the foster care system.

Fiscal Impact:

If approved, Human Services will submit an intent to apply and will work with community partners to develop an application for submission by March 9, 2021. Applications can seek up to \$400,000.00 per year for three years. An in-kind match equal to the award amount is required and will be identified during application development. No cash match is required.

Staff Member Responsible:

Karen Yatchum, Interim Director, Human Services

Partners:

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Florida Department of Children and Families

Attachments:

PSCC Recommended Program Summary for Approval
Applications Sought Release

DCF Request for Applications Solicitation