



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 service funding agreement with nine agencies.

- Annual funding of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund (Trust Fund) is provided through assessment of court fees for alcohol and drug related charges.
- The \$15.00 fees are collected by the Clerk of Court as defined in Chapters 938.23 and 893.165 of the Florida Statutes and are remitted to the Board of County Commissioners to provide for the Trust Fund.
- Funds are awarded to licensed substance abuse providers for non-recurring expenditures such as equipment or renovations.
- A competitive grant process is held annually for grants from \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Rank and review is conducted by the SAAB with recommendations forwarded for County approval.
- The Fiscal Year 2021 available Trust Fund allocation is \$40,000.00 with nine Pinellas County non-profit agencies recommended for funding.
- 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.

Summary:

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. Awards range from \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

The SAAB serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners. SAAB has reviewed all requests for funding and recommended the following projects at their September 24, 2020 meeting, totaling \$40,000.00:

Boley Centers	Morningside Safe Haven Tree Removal	\$7,000.00
Directions for Living	Countertop Body Temperature Scanner	\$2,000.00

Family Resources	SafePlace2B AC Unit	\$5,828.00
Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services	Laptop Purchase	\$5,522.00
Operation PAR	Foam Mattresses	\$4,725.00
Pace Center for Girls	Spirited Girls! Classroom Remodel	\$2,000.00
Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services (PEMHS)	Mobile Treatment Unit	\$2,500.00
Suncoast Center	AC Unit	\$5,825.00
WestCare	Women's Therapeutic Garden Tables	\$4,600.00

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:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 has been included in the Human Services FY21 Appropriated Budget for this purpose. No match is required. Appropriation to support this agreement is consistent with the development of the FY21 Adopted Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services.

Partners:

Substance Abuse Advisory Board
Boley Centers, Inc.
Directions for Mental Health dba Directions for Living
Family Resources, Inc.
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. (JFCS)
Operation PAR, Inc.
Pace Center for Girls, Pinellas
Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services, Inc. (PEMHS)
Suncoast Center, Inc.
Westcare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc.

Attachments:

Agreement - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund FY20-21
SAAB Trust Fund Grant Recommendations FY20-21
SAAB Meeting Minutes September 24, 2020.