



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant (CJMHSR).

- The CJMHSR Reinvestment Grant funds implementation or expansion projects that increase public safety and avert increased spending on criminal and juvenile justice systems.
- Pinellas County's award provides for the expansion of the Public Defender's Crossover for Children Program through a partnership with Ready for Life, Inc., a local nonprofit.
- The project, entitled "Road to Success", offers intensive diversion services and will divert 150 youth from arrest, prosecution or incarceration into treatment and support services.
- The award provides \$400,000.00 per year over three years for a total award of \$1,200,000.00.
- A 100% match totaling \$1,200,000.00 will be provided by the Public Defender and Ready for Life, Inc. through a combination of in-kind services and cash.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

Summary:

The CJMHSR Grant will fund the Road to Success (RTS) project, an expansion of the Public Defender's Crossover for Children program. The primary goal of the project is to divert youth in contact with justice and dependency systems from arrest, prosecution, or incarceration and into treatment and support services.

Background/Explanation:

The CJMHSR Reinvestment Grant was created to provide resources for the planning, implementation, or expansion of initiatives that increase public safety and avert future increases in criminal and juvenile justice systems costs. The RTS project will use CJMHSR Reinvestment funds to provide intensive diversion services to 150 clients over 36 months. Eligible clients will include juveniles and young adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal or juvenile justice system.

The CJMHSR Reinvestment Grant requires oversight by a Planning Committee designated by the Board of County Commissioners (Board). The Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) was designated as the Planning Council by the Board on October 16, 2007 under Agenda Item #18.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 over three (3) years (\$400,000.00 per year) is provided by the CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant. Match totaling \$1,200,000.00 will be provided by the Public Defender and Ready for Life, through a combination of cash and in-kind sources.

These funds were not included in the FY20 budget. Enough FY20 appropriation exists for the anticipated one quarter expenditures from July-Sept. of \$100,000.00. This award will be included in the FY20 estimates and FY21 budget request as part of FY21 budget development.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

Attachments:

DCF Agreement
Public Defender Interlocal
Ready for Life MOU
Exhibit 1: Application and Addendums
Exhibit 2: DCF Agreement
Exhibit 3: Project Budget
Employment Screening Affidavit
Intent to Apply Approval
CJMHSR Reinvestment Grant Solicitation