



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Specific Performance Agreement with Religious Community Services, Inc. for emergency shelter operating expenses.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Specific Performance Agreement with Religious Community Services, Inc. (RCS) for emergency shelter operations.

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

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

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

Summary:

The Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program was approved in the County's 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Action Plans. RCS's Facility Operations is an eligible activity under the Program and was selected to receive funding in fiscal year 2016-2017. Uncommitted funds in the Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP) have been identified from fiscal year 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. The activity is eligible for funding under the County's 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Action Plans through the approved Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program. This agreement will provide funding to RCS for the purchase of shelter grade furniture at Grace House, an emergency shelter for families with children. The Agency will submit supporting documentation with each request for reimbursement. The Agency will comply with all Federal and County requirements.

This agreement is retroactive to June 1, 2016 and will expire September 30, 2016. Execution of this Agreement by the County Administrator is necessary to meet Emergency Solutions Grant expenditure timeliness requirements.

Background/Explanation:

On June 21, 2016, the Board executed Resolution 16-45, which approved the County's FY 2016-2017 Action Plan and authorized the Chair, or designee, to sign Specific Performance, Land Use Restriction, and Developer Agreements. The Action Plan describes how the County will make use of the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds received. It is necessary to enter into Specific Performance Agreements with qualified agencies to allow for certain activities stated in the Action Plan to be contractually delegated and specify the obligation of the agencies receiving funds in meeting Federal, State and County requirements.

Fiscal Impact:

The total amount of funding for this agreement is not to exceed \$60,000.00 during the term of the Agreement. Funding for this Agreement is budgeted from available FY 2014-2015 and/or 2015-2016 ESG funds.

Delegated Authority:

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

Staff Member Responsible:

Renea Vincent, Director, Planning

Partners:

Religious Community Services, Inc.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Attachments:

Specific Performance Agreement
Resolution 16-45