



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Funding Agreement with St Petersburg College Foundation, Inc. for the Social Action Grant Funding program.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Social Action Grant Funding Agreement with St. Petersburg College Foundation, Inc. (SPC) for the Brother to Brother program.

- Brother to Brother provides mentoring and services to African American male students to improve economic self-sufficiency through successful completion of an education and/or training program.
- Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive, online grant application process for FY21 Social Action Grant Funding in accordance with the memorandum presented to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) in February 2020.
- On July 21, 2020, the Board approved fifteen community agencies for Social Action Grant Funding with programming in the areas of food/nutritional services, homeless prevention and supportive services, healthcare and human services for disadvantaged residents, supportive services for an aging population, and workforce development for disadvantaged residents.
- Fourteen Agreements were approved by the County Administrator on September 30, 2020. This Agreement is being processed separately to accommodate ongoing negotiations.
- Initial awards are for a one-year period. Performance outcomes have been negotiated and will be reported no less than quarterly.
- This Agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 in FY21. An amount not to exceed \$1,551,000.00 has been budgeted in the FY21 Tentative Budget within the Human Services General Fund appropriation for the Social Action Grant Funding.

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

Summary:

This Agreement funds the Brother to Brother provides mentoring and services to African American male students to improve economic self-sufficiency through successful completion of an education and/or training program. Services include but are not limited to academic advising, mentoring, financial aid, and career services. This Agreement is being approved separately due to extended

negotiations with SPC.

The other fourteen (14) Agreements were approved by the County Administrator on September 30, 2020. On July 21, 2020, the Board approved fifteen (15) community agencies for Social Action Grant Funding with programming in the areas of food/nutritional services, homeless prevention and supportive services, healthcare and human services for disadvantaged residents, supportive services for an aging population, and workforce development for disadvantaged residents. The grant awards will be for a one-year (1) project period. One (1) additional one-year renewal may be awarded for some based upon an abbreviated, competitive renewal process, contingent upon satisfactory performance, funding availability, and Board approval.

Background/Explanation:

Social Action Grants are available to qualified non-profit social service organizations desiring to provide services to homeless and low-income residents of Pinellas County to address their health, economic and social well-being. As presented to the Board in a memorandum dated February 12, 2020, Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive, online application process for Social Action Funding through Neighborly Software. The grant solicitation was posted on April 1, 2020, and a standard application form was used to promote effective review and scoring. The County funding priorities for Social Action Grants are food/nutritional services, homeless prevention and supportive services, healthcare and human services for disadvantaged residents, supportive services for an aging population, and workforce development for disadvantaged residents. Organizations were eligible to apply for funding between \$10,000 and \$250,000.

Seventy-three (73) applications were received and fifteen (15) community agencies were recommended for funding through the Social Action Grant Program. A diverse review committee of community partners scored the applications and developed funding recommendations for consideration and approval by the Board.

Upon approval of the recommendations, Pinellas County Human Services worked with all agencies to develop performance outcomes and reporting guidelines.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to St. Petersburg College Foundation, Inc. consistent with the Appropriation in the amount of \$1,551,000.00 consistent with the development of the FY21 Tentative Budget.

Delegated Authority:

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

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

St. Petersburg College Foundation, Inc.

Attachments:

Agreement