



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Specific Performance Agreement with Homeless Empowerment Program to provide funding for implementation of the Community Homeless Assistance Program.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of a Specific Performance Agreement with Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP) to provide funding for implementation of the Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP).

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

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:

One of the projects to be carried out under the County's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY17/18) is the Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). HEP and Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. (CC) were selected to administer the program through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The program prevents homelessness for at-risk families and individuals by providing housing relocation and stabilization services and funding for short-term rental assistance and housing expenses.

Both agencies will have access to the pool of ESG funds on a first-come, first-serve basis. This SPA with HEP for administering the CHAP Program is for a two-year period, retroactively, from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019.

Background/Explanation:

In accordance with the adopted Annual Action Plan, it is necessary to enter into Specific Performance Agreements with qualified agencies to implement projects and programs and specify the obligation of the agencies receiving funds in meeting Federal, State and County requirements. HEP has successfully implemented the ESG funded CHAP program for the past seven years.

Fiscal Impact:

The total amount of funding for this agreement is \$118,154.80 during the term of the Agreement. Funding for this Agreement is included in the County's FY17/18 Budget for Emergency Solutions

Grant (ESG) funds within the Community Development Grant Fund.

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:

Homeless Empowerment Program
Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Attachments:

Specific Performance Agreement
Resolution 17-37