



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

First Amendment (No Cost Extension) to the grant award from the University of Baltimore's Fiscal Year 2019 Competitive Subaward for Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-level Intervention.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the first amendment for a no cost extension to the grant award from the University of Baltimore's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Competitive Subaward for Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-level Intervention.

- The University of Baltimore's FY19 Competitive Subaward for Combating Opioid Overdose through Community Level Intervention provides federal funding for implementation of a new community-based program aimed to reduce opioid-involved overdoses.
- The funding has been utilized to implement the Homeless Overdose Mitigation & Engagement program.
- Human Services has partnered with local law enforcement, emergency medical services, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas, and treatment providers on a community overdose intervention program targeting frequent overdose locations.
- Due to national public health guidance with respect to reducing the community spread of COVID-19 many of the grant program's outreach efforts for the Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-level Intervention programs were temporarily suspended.
- The University of Baltimore has provided all subawardees a one-time no cost extension through August 31, 2021 to allow for programmatic activities to resume once the threat of COVID-19 has subsided.
- The Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-level Intervention provided Pinellas County with \$222,610.00 for the period of December 2, 2019 through November 30, 2020. This first amendment will extend funding through August 31, 2021.

### **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.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1. Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

### **Summary:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Centers for Disease Control's recommendations to slow the

spread, many of the outreach activities of the University of Baltimore's FY 2019 Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-level Intervention subaward programs had to be temporarily suspended in March 2020. To provide ample time for awardees to implement programmatic outreach activities, the University of Baltimore has provided its subawardees with a one-time no-cost extension to extend grant activities through August 31, 2021. Grant funding is aimed to reduce the number of opioid-involved overdoses through implementation of evidence-based community programs.

**Background/Explanation:**

Pinellas County was awarded \$222,610.00 in federal fund from the Office of National Drug Control Policy through the University of Baltimore's Fiscal Year 2019 Competitive Subaward for Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-level Intervention. The funding has been utilized to implement the Homeless Overdose Mitigation & Engagement (HOME) program. The HOME program approach involves targeting specific site identified through data analysis as having high incidences of overdoses. Efforts for each site are individualized and planned prior to deployment of a street team to provide outreach, education, naloxone, and services connections. Street teams include a substance use treatment provider case manager to work with individuals identified at identified site who appear at-risk of overdose to seek engagement and connection to treatment. To ensure stability of homeless clients seeking to engage in treatment, transitional housing will be made available to eligible individuals. The public health efforts implemented due to COVID-19 have temporarily suspended the outreach efforts of the HOME program. This first amendment no cost extension will provide additional time for HOME efforts to continue by extending the availability of program funds beyond the initial award period, ending November 30, 2020, through August 31, 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No Fiscal Impact. The original award amount of \$222,610.00 remains, this amendment provides an additional nine months for Pinellas County to expend the previously approved funds. This is not consistent with the development of the FY20 or FY21 budget. This item was included in resolution number 20-25 (20-196A) approved by the Board on April 7, 2020. This item was not considered during the development of the FY21 budget since this time extension was not anticipated. FY20 estimates and the FY21 budget request will be amended to include this agreement in the FY21 Adopted Budget.

**Delegated Authority:**

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

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Safety and Emergency Services  
Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County  
Pinellas Opioid Task Force  
Operation PAR  
WestCare

**Attachments:**

Subaward Agreement Amendment One