



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Human Services Social Action Grant Funding Recommendations

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Social Action Grant Funding Recommendations and direct Human Services to negotiate agreements for the recommended programs.

- 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 in February 2020.
- The grant solicitation was posted on April 1, 2020, and a standard application form was used to promote effective review and scoring.
- An amount not to exceed \$1,551,000.00 in funding is available, and agencies were eligible to request between \$10,000.00 and \$250,000.00.
- Seventy-three applications were received, and a review committee, comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders, recommends awards for fifteen agencies.
- Due to the large number of applications and a desire to reach all priority areas, the review committee recommends partial funding for the highest scoring organizations requesting \$100,000.00 or more, and full funding for the highest scoring organizations requesting less than \$100,000.00, until the funding is exhausted.

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:

Fifteen (15) community agencies are recommended 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. A breakdown of the recommended awards is attached. 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 Information:

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.

Due to the large number of applications and a desire to reach all priority areas, the review committee recommends partial funding for the highest scoring organizations requesting \$100,000 or more, and full funding for the highest scoring organizations requesting less than \$100,000, until the funding is exhausted. Further, the committee recommends that any funding from lapse or refusal of award should be reallocated evenly to those organizations in the top fifteen (15) that were not fully funded.

Fiscal Impact:

An amount not to exceed \$1,551,000.00 has been budgeted in the Human Services FY21 proposed General Fund budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc.
St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Inc.
Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.
Pinellas Ex Offender Re-Entry Coalition, Inc.
Directions for Mental Health, Inc., d.b.a. Directions for Living
WestCare Gulf Coast Florida, Inc.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc.
Young Men's Christian Association of the Suncoast, Inc. dba YMCA of the Suncoast
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, Inc.
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. dba Alzheimer's Association Florida
Gulf Coast Chapter
Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc. (CASA)
Community Law Program, Inc.
St. Petersburg College Foundation, inc.
AIDS Service Association of Pinellas, Inc.
 dba EPIC (Empath Partners in Care)
Feeding America Tampa Bay, Inc. dba Feeding Tampa Bay

Attachments:

Funding Recommendations