



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Community Development Block Grant Program Subaward Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement with WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc., for A Turning Point Emergency Shelter facility rehabilitation.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Subaward Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement (Agreement) with WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc. (WestCare), for A Turning Point Emergency Shelter (Turning Point) facility rehabilitation.

- The County received \$2,551,626.00 in CDBG funds to improve neighborhoods, provide decent housing, and create new economic opportunities, with a special focus on serving low- and moderate-income persons.
- This Agreement provides CDBG funding, not to exceed \$207,234.00, for costs associated with Turning Point emergency shelter facility rehabilitation to include the installation of a commercial grade emergency generator, renovation of bath and shower rooms, and the replacement of windows, benefitting approximately 950 homeless persons with substance abuse issues.
- WestCare's Turning Point emergency shelter serves as an emergency intervention shelter and inebriate receiving facility providing temporary emergency and cold night shelter services; case management to provide linkage to substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorder treatment, including residential treatment, housing assistance, assistance in obtaining benefits, and life-skills training; and first-aid services, health education, and healthcare screenings to homeless persons.
- The Agreement is effective for one (1) year, from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Use of the property is restricted to serving homeless individuals with substance abuse issues through October 1, 2035.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

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

Summary:

One of the projects to be carried out under the County's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (FY22) is funding of WestCare for facility rehabilitation. This Agreement will provide funding for facility rehabilitation at the agency's Turning Point Emergency Shelter located at 1801 - 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33713.

The Agreement is effective for one (1) year, from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Use of the property is restricted to serving homeless persons with substance abuse issues through October 1, 2027.

Background/Explanation:

In accordance with the adopted Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, it is necessary to enter into a Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement with qualified agencies to allow for certain activities stated in the Annual Action Plan to be contractually delegated and specify the obligation of the agencies receiving funds in meeting Federal, State and County requirements.

The County received \$2,551,626.00 in CDBG funding for FY22. Funding is to be used to improve neighborhoods, provide decent housing, and create new economic opportunities, with a special focus on serving low- and moderate-income persons.

The CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and application cycle was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times, The Weekly Challenger, La Gaceta and Tre Magazine, posted on the Community Development website, and emailed to nonprofit agencies and local municipalities.

The competitive application process began on February 4, 2021, with applications being due March 5, 2021. Applications were reviewed for funding eligibility and scored by Community Development Division staff. Funding recommendations are based on staff ranking of eligible activities and eligible expenses.

Fiscal Impact:

The total amount of funding for this agreement is not to exceed \$207,234.00 during the term of the Agreement. Funding for this Agreement is included in the County's FY22 Adopted Budget for CDBG funds.

Delegated Authority:

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

Staff Member Responsible:

Carol Stricklin, Director, Housing and Community Development

Partners:

WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Attachments:

Community Development Block Grant Subaward Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement

Project Location Map

2021-2022 Funding Recommendations

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