



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance's Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the notice of grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP)

- BJA's Fiscal Year 2020 COSSAP award provides funding to encourage and support the development of comprehensive, locally driven responses to opioids, stimulants, and other substances that expand access to supervision, treatment, and recovery support services across the criminal justice system; support law enforcement and other first responder diversion programs for nonviolent drug offenders; promote education and prevention activities; and address the needs of children impacted by substance abuse.
- Pinellas County was awarded \$1,199,163.00 to expand the Co-Occurring Assistance Recovery and Empowerment Team to provide immediate interventions at on-scene overdoses whenever first responders are involved.
- Human Services' will partner with local law enforcement, emergency medical services, the opioid task force and treatment providers for on-site intervention, expedited access to evidenced-based substance use treatment, peer engagement services, short-term residential treatment, overdose fatality reviews, and additional naloxone access and training for first responders.
- The grant proposes to provide post-overdose engagement and services for 250 unique individuals per year over the 3-year project.
- One-time funding for a project period of 36 months, from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.
- There is no match or cost-sharing requirements.

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:

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Background Information:

From 2015 to 2019, the number of accidental illicit drug related fatalities increased by an alarming 810.7% (28 to 255) while the number of accidental opioid/opiate related deaths increased by 145.9% (135 to 332). Pinellas County's population increased only 2.9% during the same period. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) data regarding 9-1-1 transports with Narcan administered have increased year over year since FY13. As of August 31, 2019, Pinellas EMS has exceeded the FY18 total 9-1-1 transports with Narcan administered by 115.6%.

Fiscal Impact:

The total grant award is \$1,199,163.00 in federal funds for a three (3) year period. There are no match or cost-sharing requirements. The \$399,721.00 project budget for Year-1 revenue and expense is not included in the FY21 Adopted Budget. The Human Services Department may request a budget amendment.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Department of Safety and Emergency Services
Local Law Enforcement Agencies
Pinellas County Opioid Task Force
Operation PAR, Inc.

Attachments:

Notice of Award 2020-AR-BX-0055
Final Submitted Application
Grant Management Form