



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

First Option of Renewal with the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. for bridge housing.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the First Option of Renewal with the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. for bridge housing.

- This renewal provides funding for bridge housing for families. The program provides flexible bridge housing, emergency shelter beds, and one full-time equivalent case manager or case management resources to work with households to ensure connection to resources.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 has been identified in the Human Services' anticipated Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund appropriation.

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

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

This Renewal provides funding for bridge housing for families. The program provides flexible bridge housing, emergency shelter beds, and one full-time equivalent case manager or case management resources to work with households to ensure connection to resources.

Background Information:

As a core part of the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), Pinellas County has funded bridge housing to stabilize families and provide critical housing while awaiting permanent housing placement.

The bridge housing program provides funding for the availability of new or currently unfunded shelter space or emergency housing units to provide temporary housing for households in crisis who are awaiting diversion to stable housing or permanent housing placement through the Coordinated Entry System (CES). The HLA competitively selected St. Vincent de Paul to implement this program.

During the first two quarters in FY20, the bridge housing program served 54 families.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding to support this agreement is consistent with the development of the FY20 estimate and FY21 budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc.

Attachments:

Renewal