



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding agreement with Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. for the Pinellas Hope Emergency Shelter.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the funding agreement with Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. for the Pinellas Hope Emergency Shelter.

- This agreement provides funding for Pinellas Hope, an emergency shelter which provides safe, temporary housing and support services to individuals and couples (not families) as they work toward self-sufficiency. The program provides emergency shelter, food, transportation, employment assistance to citizens facing homelessness.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 has been identified in the Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget within the Human Services department 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:**

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### **Background Information:**

In December 2007, Catholic Charities established Pinellas Hope in partnership with the local government, businesses, the interfaith community and other not-for-profits to provide approximately 250 units of temporary emergency shelter to homeless individuals. Pinellas Hope has expanded from what was known as a small tent city to a larger campus-style setting that includes approximately 160 tents, 70 Hope Cottages and 150 permanent supportive apartment units for veterans, chronic homeless individuals and other high need/high utilizer populations.

In FY19, Pinellas Hope served 1,726 clients and provided 66,385 shelter bed nights.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 has been identified in the Human Services' anticipated Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) General Fund appropriation. Funding to support this agreement is consistent with FY21 Proposed Budget.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.

**Attachments:**

Agreement  
Data Sharing Agreement  
Agreement/Budget Modification  
Insurance Requirements