



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding Agreements with fourteen Community Agencies for the Social Action Funding program.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Social Action Grant Funding Agreements with fourteen community agencies.

- 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 (Board) 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.
- On July 21, 2020, the Board approved fifteen community agencies 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. Fourteen are being sought for signature as negotiations continue with the final recommended recipient.
- Initial awards are for a one-year period. Performance outcomes have been negotiated with all agencies and will be reported no less than quarterly.
- An amount not to exceed \$1,551,000.00 has been budgeted in the FY21 Tentative Budget within the Human Services General Fund appropriation. Individual awards range from \$30,000.00 to \$150,000.00.

### **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:**

On July 21, 2020, the Board approved fifteen (15) community agencies 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. Fourteen (14) are being sought for signature in this item as negotiations continue with the final recommended recipient. 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/Explanation:**

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.

Upon approval of the recommendations, Pinellas County Human Services worked with all of the agencies to develop performance outcomes and reporting guidelines.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Appropriation in the amount of \$1,551,000.00 is consistent with the development of the FY21 Tentative Budget.

The individual funding amounts are as follows:

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. \$150,000.00  
St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Inc. \$150,000.00  
Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. \$150,000.00  
Pinellas Ex Offender Re-Entry Coalition, Inc. \$150,000.00  
Directions for Living \$150,000.00  
WestCare GulfCoast Florida, Inc. \$91,200.00  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc. \$150,000.00  
Young Men's Christian Association of the Suncoast, Inc. dba YMCA of the Suncoast \$30,000.00  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, Inc. \$88,419.00  
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. dba Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter \$35,072.00  
Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc. (CASA) \$60,000.00  
Community Law Program, Inc. \$67,132.00  
AIDS Service Association of Pinellas, Inc. dba EPIC \$63,000.00  
Feeding America Tampa Bay, Inc. dba Feeding Tampa Bay \$116,177.00

St. Petersburg College Foundation, Inc. at \$100,000.00 will be brought for signature following final negotiations.

**Delegated Authority:**

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

**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:**

Award Summary  
Funding Agreements (15)  
Attachment 1- Data Sharing Agreement  
Attachment 2- Insurance Requirements