



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Second Option of Renewal and Amendment 3 with Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. for operational costs and direct services.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Second Option of Renewal and Amendment 3 with Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. (HLA) for operational costs and direct services.

- The agreement provides funding for operational costs for the HLA, including partial support of executive and support staff, and direct service costs associated with serving as the Continuum of Care Lead Agency. Additionally, this agreement provides funding for one full-time Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) staff person to fulfill the HLA's obligations as the HMIS Lead Agency, support for youth entering the homeless system of care, and funding to support the cold night shelter program.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$288,330.00 is included in the Human Services' General Fund appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget.
- This is the second and final renewal of the original agreement executed on September 26, 2017.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

2.4 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

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

This Agreement provides funding for operational costs for the HLA, including partial support of executive and support staff, and direct service costs associated with serving as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency. Additionally, this Agreement provides funding for one full-time HMIS staff person to assist with governance, analysis, and management of the HMIS system to fulfill the HLA's obligations as the HMIS Lead Agency; support for youth entering the homeless system of care; and funding for the cold night shelter program and related costs.

This action amends the Agreement to include additional funding for the cold night shelter program.

### **Background Information:**

The HLA is a non-profit organization which coordinates services for homeless individuals, educates and trains organizations and citizens about homelessness, and acts as the CoC Lead Agency for federal funding to homeless providers within the County. All CoCs receiving federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are required to collect information in an HMIS system and support Housing First utilize a Coordinated Entry System. The HLA was designated the HMIS Lead Agency role in October 2017. During FY20, there were 23,209 active HMIS clients, 7,673 new client records, 31,965 total entry/exits, 23,993 new entries, 367,390 service counts, 528 HMIS end users, and 220 HMIS projects with data.

The cold weather shelter program provides overnight sheltering for homeless residents when local temperatures drop to a feels-like forty (40) degrees. In these conditions, sheltering is critical for health and safety. As cold night shelters serve the homeless, these funds are incorporated in the HLA budget to help offset some of the food, supplies, and other operating costs of participating shelter locations. During FY20, (3) cold night shelters on one night served a total of 99 people.

During FY20, the Youth Navigator completed 55 assessments (Vi-SPDATs) and assisted 92 unique clients.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Appropriation to support this agreement is consistent with the development of the FY22 Proposed Budget

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.

**Attachments:**

Renewal 2 and Amendment 3