



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding Agreement with Metropolitan Charities, Inc. D.B.A. Metro Wellness & Community Centers to provide British Petroleum Economic Settlement Funds to support Clinic Renovations.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Funding Agreement with Metropolitan Charities, Inc. D.B.A. Metro Wellness & Community Centers (Metro Wellness) to provide British Petroleum (BP) Economic Settlement Funds to support Clinic Renovations

### **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.

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize Partner Relationships and Public Outreach

### **Summary:**

In accordance with the Board's approval of BP projects and associated funding for each project on December 13, 2016, this Funding Agreement will provide \$150,000.00 in BP Economic Settlement Funds to support the renovation of a 47,000 square foot facility in order to provide expanded health and wellness services. Specifically, these funds will support the renovation and construction of clinic space for the provision of HIV prevention and care services.

### **Background/Explanation:**

Metro Wellness provides comprehensive HIV services and medical care, social activities, classes, support groups, counseling, health and fitness programs, youth programs, substance abuse programs, older adult programs, behavioral health services and free HIV testing in the Tampa Bay area. In 2015, Pinellas County saw a 30% increase in the number of new cases of HIV infection. In response to this rise in infection rates in the community, Metro Wellness began a capital campaign to purchase a nearly 47,000 square foot facility in St. Petersburg, FL, of which they occupied approximately half of the space as a tenant. In April 2016, the purchase was finalized and the capital campaign continues to support renovations, repairs and construction costs. The expansion of the clinic will double Metro Wellness's occupied space and allow for 16 patient examination rooms.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This Agreement provides funding of \$150,000.00 from the \$7.1 million BP Economic Settlement Funds. The funding has been appropriated for this purpose in the FY2017 Budget. The County shall have no obligations related to maintenance, operation, and/or any other activity yielding a fiscal impact.

**Delegated Authority:**

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this Interlocal Agreement is granted under Resolution No. 16-90 adopted on December 13, 2016 and under Code Section 2-62(a)(1).

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Lourdes Benedict, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Metro Wellness & Community Centers

**Attachments:**

Funding Agreement  
Supporting Documentation  
Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA)  
Insurance Attachment to LURA