



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Funding recommendations for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the funding recommendations submitted by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide (JAG-C).

- The JAG-C is a U.S. Department of Justice pass-through grant administered by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- The funding supports local projects that help reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system.
- The JAG-C will provide \$276,412.00 in funding to support nine projects in Pinellas County. Human Services will administer five projects in the amount of \$150,641.00. No match is required.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

Summary:

JAG-C applications were received through a competitive solicitation and reviewed by the SAAB. On May 10, 2019, the SAAB recommended the following nine (9) projects for funding:

Alpha House	Child Abuse Prevention	\$ 31,500.00
City of Clearwater	Clearwater Police Field Identification Project	\$ 8,500.00
MORE Health	Firearm Safety & Violence Prevention	\$ 25,000.00
Pinellas County Sheriff	Sexual Predator & Offender Tracking	\$105,000.00
City of Pinellas Park	Pinellas Park Police Equipment	\$ 10,921.00
Suncoast Center	Forensic Focused Outreach	\$ 35,000.00
Treasure Island Police	“Are You OK?” Senior Program	\$ 1,350.00
WestCare	Mustard Seed Inn Case Management	\$ 31,500.00
Justice Coordination	JAG Planning Grant	\$ 27,641.00

Background/Explanation:

The JAG-C is a recurring DOJ pass-through grant administered by FDLE. JAG-C Projects must fall within a specific federal purpose area that reduces crime and/or improves the criminal justice system.

Florida’s JAG-C program represents 60% of the state’s total federal Justice Assistance Grant award.

The program is governed by Rule 11D-9 of the Florida Administrative Code (Code 11D-9) and funds are allocated to the County based partially on population and crime statistics.

The SAAB was established in 1989 to comply with Code 11D-9, stating Florida counties should appoint a substance abuse policy board that represents all components of the criminal justice system. The SAAB serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and one of its primary duties is to review applications and recommend projects to be funded by JAG-C.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$276,412.00 is provided by the JAG-C to support nine (9) projects in Pinellas County. Of these projects, five (5) will be administered by Human Services. These projects have a combined total of \$150,641.00 and are included in the FY19 Adopted Budget.

The Pinellas County Sheriff, the City of Clearwater, the City of Pinellas Park, and the Treasure Island Police Department will administer each of their own respective projects directly with FDLE. These four (4) projects have a combined total of \$125,771.00.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Alpha House, City of Clearwater, MORE Health, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, City of Pinellas Park, Suncoast Center, Treasure Island Police Department, WestCare, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the U.S. Department of Justice

Attachments:

JAG-C Funding Recommendations
JAG-C BCC Approval Letter
JAG-C Intent to Apply
JAG-C Applications Received
SAAB 5-10-19 Meeting Minutes