



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding Agreement with In Touch With Communities Around the World, Inc. / DBA Arts Conservatory for Teens to provide British Petroleum Economic Settlement Funds to support the Community Access Project for At-Risk Youth.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Funding Agreement with In Touch With Communities Around the World, Inc. / DBA Arts Conservatory for Teens (ACT) to provide British Petroleum (BP) Funds to support the Community Access Project (CAP) for At-Risk Youth.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety and Welfare

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener and purchaser of services for those in need.

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 with ACT will provide \$70,000.00 to purchase two (2) 15-passenger vans for afterschool educational and cultural enrichment activities throughout the County. The funds will allow ACT to serve more at-risk youth in underserved areas of the County by improving access to quality afterschool programs.

### **Background/Explanation:**

ACT is a non-profit Florida Corporation whose mission is to educate, empower, and enrich the lives of youth and teens through arts education. Specifically, the CAP is a county-wide project that provides at-risk youth and teens from underserved areas with access to educational support and cultural activities during out-of-school time. ACT's recent 2014-2015 survey reported that more than 100 youth and teens (ages 11-18) lack adequate transportation to be able to participate in daily educational activities and cultural interests, especially among middle school students (ages 11-13).

The CAP initiative breaks down transportation barriers and ensures at-risk youth and teens are exposed to alternative positive engagement through arts enrichment activities.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

This Agreement provides funding up to \$70,000.00 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.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Lourdes Benedict, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

ACT

**Attachments:**

FY17 ACT Funding Agreement - BP Funds