



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding Agreement with Golden Generations, Inc. to provide British Petroleum Economic Settlement Funds to support the My Sistah's Place Project for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Funding Agreement with Golden Generations, Inc. to provide British Petroleum Economic Settlement Funds to support the My Sistah's Place Project for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety and Welfare

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.

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

### **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 \$100,000.00 in one-time capital funds to satisfy the mortgage and to renovate My Sistah's Place, a two-bedroom program home in the Lake Maggiore neighborhood of St. Petersburg. The funding will allow Golden Generations, Inc. to provide young women who have aged out of foster care with housing while they participate in a comprehensive program that aims to support their efforts to achieve self-sufficiency.

### **Background/Explanation:**

Golden Generations, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to facilitate educational, career, housing, and personal development opportunities for youth and seniors in the St. Petersburg community. Specifically, the My Sistah's Place Project will provide housing, job training, money management skills and emotional support for females between 18 and 21 years old who have aged out of foster care. A recent study conducted by Eckerd Youth Alternatives and PEW Charitable Trust found that over 400 youth age out of the system in Pinellas County annually, and are at increased risk of joblessness, homelessness, incarceration, and early pregnancy.

The My Sistah's Place Project will initially provide accessible housing to four (4) female beneficiaries, and will create a waiting list for an 18 to 24 month program that works with employers and mentors to follow residents after their stay.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

This Funding Agreement provides funding of \$100,000.00 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:**

Golden Generations, Inc.  
Eckerd Community Alternatives  
Camelot Community Cares

**Attachments:**

FY17 Golden Generations, Inc. Funding Agreement  
Attachment A - Vendor Information Form  
Attachment B - FY 17 Golden Generations LURA