



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration for the Health Care for the Homeless program.

Recommended Action:

Accept the Notice of Award for federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the amount of \$1,414,215.00 for the Health Care for the Homeless program effective March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

It is also recommended the County Administrator be delegated authority to approve additional grant funding from HRSA for the program that may occur during the budget period of March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

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 relationship and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

This award for federal funding supports the County's Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program for a three-year project period starting March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2019. Funding in the amount of \$1,414,215.00 is for the third budget year starting March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

The HCH Co-Applicant governing board will approve the grant award on February 13, 2018.

Background Information:

This Notice of Award is issued from HRSA's approval of the Non-Competing Continuation (NCC) Progress Report. The Board of County Commissioners accepted the initial award for the first year of funding in the amount of \$922,179.00 at its March 29, 2016 regular meeting, and the second year of funding in the amount of \$1,371,615.00 at the February 21, 2017 regular meeting.

Since 1988, medical and dental care referrals have been provided to the homeless population in the County via the MMU. Primary health care is provided at no charge to homeless patients with incomes at or below 100% of the FPL. The MMU visits shelters, soup kitchens, drop-in centers and other locations where the homeless congregate. In late 2014, the County began offering additional medical services in the Safe Harbor homeless shelter with federal service expansion funding. In the spring of 2016, those services moved into the new Bayside Health Clinic located adjacent to the shelter.

In 2017, the County served 2,849 unduplicated homeless patients through the MMU and Bayside

Health Clinic.

Fiscal Impact:

This award totals \$1,414,215.00 in federal funds. The County anticipates applying non-federal funds to the program totaling approximately \$3,114,863.00. These funds are included in the Human Services FY18 appropriated budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Health Care Administrator, Human Services

Partners:

Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
Operation PAR
Directions for Living
Homeless Leadership Board

Attachments:

HRSA Notice of Award, #2H80CS00024-17-00
Final Submitted Non-Competing Continuation Progress Report