



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Service Area Competition grant application for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration for the Health Care for the Homeless program.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Service Area Competition (SAC) grant application for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the amount of \$1,456,815.00 for the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program effective March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022.

It is also recommended the County Administrator be delegated authority for this award and any future supplemental awards given by HRSA for the period of March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

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 application for federal funding supports the County's Health Care for the Homeless program for a three-year project period starting March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022. Funding in the amount of \$1,456,815.00 is for the first budget year starting March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

The purpose of this grant program is to improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring continued access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services. In 2017, the program provided basic health care services on the Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) and at Bayside Health Clinic to 2,799 homeless patients whose income was at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

The HCH Co-Applicant Governing Board approved the grant application on July 10, 2018.

Background Information:

A SAC application is a request for federal financial assistance to continue support of comprehensive primary health care services in a service area currently served by a health center program grantee whose project period is ending in FY 2018. At the time of the last SAC application in 2016, the County received \$922,179 in federal funds. Each year, federal funding has increased as follows: \$1,371,615 in FY2017; \$1,414,215 in FY2018; and 1,456,815 in FY2019. The increases are attributed to additional multi-year supplemental funding opportunities applied for and awarded including Substance Abuse Service Expansion (MAT) and Access to Increases in Mental Health

(AIMS).

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 April 2016, the County began offering additional medical services at the new Bayside Health Clinic located adjacent to the Safe Harbor homeless shelter.

In 2017, the County served 2,799 unduplicated homeless patients through the MMU and Bayside Health Clinic. This award will allow the County to continue providing primary medical care and prevention services to homeless residents. The funding will support clinical services for 2,979 unduplicated patients by December 31, 2020.

Fiscal Impact:

This grant application is requesting \$1,456,815.00 in federal funds. While no cash match is required, the County anticipates applying non-federal funds to the program totaling approximately \$3,114,863.00. This grant is included in the FY19 Proposed Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board
Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
Operation PAR
Directions for Living
Homeless Leadership Board

Attachments:

Intent to Apply Approval
Grants.Gov Application Package