



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice for the enhancement and expansion of the Pinellas County Family Drug Treatment Court.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice for the enhancement and expansion of the Pinellas County Family Drug Treatment Court (FDTC).

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

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

Summary:

The enhancement and expansion grant award increases the capacity of FDTC to intervene with adult parents suffering substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders and who are involved with the justice system as a result of child abuse and neglect issues. Behavior health treatment plans to improve mental and social functioning among parents and families will serve 173 participants during the four (4) year grant period. This award overlaps the current FDTC in the first year and extends the program an additional three years.

Background Information:

The Pinellas County FDTC was established in 2016 through a three year (3) grant award and is a one-year voluntary program that seeks to stabilize parents using substance abuse treatment, parenting classes and frequent random drug testing. The goal is to reduce the incidence of substance use by participating parents, improve parenting skills, lower the incidence of drug exposed newborns and reduce reports of neglect or abuse.

As of July 2018, progress reports indicate that program goals are proceeding well. There have been no reported instances of parental rights termination, parents are attending parenting classes as outlined, the program has retained 87% of participants admitted, and the court anticipates that it will meet or exceed overall service goals.

Fiscal Impact:

The amount of the grant award is \$889,229.00 over three (3) years. The Sixth Judicial Circuit and WestCare Florida-Gulfcoast, Inc. will provide the In-kind match through staff salaries. There is no cash match. This funding was not included in the FY19 Adopted Budget. A Budget Resolution may be submitted in FY19 as a result of this award.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Sixth Judicial Circuit

WestCare Florida-Gulfcoast, Inc.

Attachments:

Grant Award Documents

OMB Intent to Apply

Grant Budget

Program Narrative