



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and funding agreement with WestCare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc. for the Pinellas County Adult Drug Court Expansion project.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant award for the Pinellas County Adult Drug Court project with the Sixth Judicial Circuit and funding agreement with WestCare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc. for the Pinellas County Adult Drug Court Expansion project.

- The award will expand critical capacity of the Pinellas Adult Drug Court to help address a targeted population with comorbid mental health and substance abuse needs.
- The project proposes to support outpatient drug treatment services for 295 offenders over the five-year period.
- The grant award is \$400,000.00 per year over five years for a total of \$2,000,000.00. No match is required.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

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

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

### **Summary:**

This grant seeks to reduce crime and substance abuse among high risk, high need offenders who have experienced trauma, are at-risk of opioid overdose and may also have a co-occurring mental illness. Over a five (5)-year period, Adult Drug Court will be able to expand capacity to serve 295 unduplicated drug-involved offenders through the grant funds.

Under the Funding Agreement with WestCare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc., a multi-disciplinary treatment team comprised of substance use disorder counselors, a peer recovery coach, and a research assistant will ensure there is client focused care and rigorous data analysis for programming assessment.

### **Background Information:**

Established in 2001, the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Adult Drug Court of Pinellas County, Florida, assists

nonviolent offenders achieve successful rehabilitation from the use of drugs and/or alcohol. The Sixth Judicial Circuit's Adult Drug Court is in adherence with all ten (10) key components of drug courts as identified by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Adult Drug Court practices involve integrating an array of substance abuse treatment services using evidence based protocol, ongoing judicial interaction, justice system case processing, and close coordination of system stakeholders. Since its inception, Adult Drug Court has used grants to serve populations that require more specific or expansive approaches to treatment and recidivism reduction.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Grant will provide \$2,000,000.00 over five years; \$400,000.00 per year. There is no match requirement. WestCare's five (5) year agreement is in the amount of; \$1,819,425.00. The remaining \$180,575.00 will be used by the Judiciary to fund a drug court case manager for program oversight. This funding was not included in the FY19 Adopted Budget and a budget resolution will be submitted as needed. This grant has been incorporated into both the FY19 estimate and FY20 request as part of the FY20 budget development process.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Sixth Judicial Circuit Court  
Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc.

**Attachments:**

WestCare Subrecipient Funding Agreement  
Appendix A Grant Application  
Appendix B Project Budget  
Appendix C Grant Notice of Award  
Appendix D Grant Funding Conditions  
Appendix E Certifications  
Attachment 1 - Data Sharing Agreement  
Attachment 2 - Budget Modification Agreement  
Attachment 3 - Insurance Requirements  
Subrecipient or Contractor Determination Checklist  
Intent to Apply