



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding recommendations for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund program and service agreement for non-profit agencies.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund recommendations from the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) and service funding agreement with six agencies.

- Annual funding of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund (Trust Fund) is provided through assessment of court fees for alcohol and drug related charges.
- The \$15.00 fees are collected by the Clerk of Court as defined in Chapters 938.23 and 893.165 of the Florida Statutes and are remitted to the Board of County Commissioners to provide for the Trust Fund.
- Funds are awarded to licensed substance abuse providers for non-recurring expenditures such as equipment or renovations.
- A competitive grant process is held annually for grants from \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Rank and review are conducted by the SAAB with recommendations forwarded for County approval.
- The Fiscal Year 2022 available Trust Fund allocation is \$40,000.00 with six Pinellas County non-profit agencies recommended for funding.
- No match is required.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

### **Summary:**

Trust Fund awards are disbursed annually to recipients who are licensed as substance abuse treatment providers with the Florida Department of Children and Families. The County holds a competitive process to solicit applications for the Trust Fund. Applications are reviewed and selected for funding by the SAAB. Funds must be used for non-recurring expenditures such as equipment, special projects, training, renovations, and formalized prevention activities. Awards range from \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund applications were received through a competitive solicitation and reviewed by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB). On April 19, 2021, the SAAB approved the following six (6) projects for funding:

#### Boley Centers

- Keonig Center AC Unit Replacements: \$10,000.00

Directions for Living

- Plumbing for Primary Care Offices: \$3,000.00

Family Resources

- SafePlace2B Dining Room Furniture: \$5,500.00

Operation PAR

- Residential Mattress Replacement: \$7,000.00

Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services (PEMHS)

- Thermal Scanner and Centralized Data Management Project: \$6,228.00

Westcare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc.

- WC Davis Bradley Center Refrigerator and Freezer: \$8,272.00

**Background Information:**

The Trust Fund provides funding to nonprofit organizations that provide alcohol and/or drug abuse treatment and/or prevention programs. Assessments collected by the Clerk of Court generated from \$15.00 court fees as defined in Chapters 938.23 and 893.165 of the Florida Statutes, shall be remitted to the Board of County Commissioners to supply the Trust Fund. The funds must be used for one-time only, non-recurring expenditures such as equipment, special projects, training, renovations, and formalized prevention activities. To be eligible for an award the organization must be licensed as a substance abuse treatment provider under Chapter 397 of the Florida Statutes.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Appropriation in the amount of \$40,000.00 dollars to support these agreements is consistent with the development of the FY22 Proposed Budget.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services.

**Partners:**

Substance Abuse Advisory Board

Boley Centers, Inc.

Directions for Mental Health dba Directions for Living

Family Resources, Inc.

Operation PAR, Inc.

Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services, Inc. (PEMHS)

Westcare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc.

**Attachments:**

Agreement - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund FY21-22

SAAB Trust Fund Grant Recommendations FY21-22

SAAB Meeting Minutes April 19, 2021.