



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding Agreement with the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. for bridge housing and emergency shelter for homeless families.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Funding Agreement with the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. for bridge housing and emergency shelter for homeless families.

- The Homeless Leadership Alliance serves as the Homeless Continuum of Care (COC) lead agency and is responsible for providing leadership and oversight of the homeless system of care. The COC is responsible for ensuring programs are aligned with the Housing First philosophy, managing the coordinated entry process, and ensuring the system of care is aligned with the Housing and Urban Development guidelines.
- The agreement provides funding to the Homeless Leadership Alliance to manage bridge housing and emergency shelter for homeless families. Bridge housing serves as a short-term intervention for families who have been assigned to a housing program but have not yet located permanent housing. Additionally, this agreement provides for emergency shelter beds and one full-time case coordinator to work with households to ensure connection to resources.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Tentative Budget within the Human Services Department budget.

### **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

2.4 Support programs that seek to prevent and remedy the causes of homelessness and move individuals and families from homelessness to permanent housing

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

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

This Agreement provides funding for bridge housing for homeless families who have been assigned to a housing intervention but have not yet located permanent housing. Additionally, this Agreement provides for emergency shelter beds and one full-time case coordinator to work with households to ensure connection to resources.

### **Background Information:**

As a core part of the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), Pinellas County has funded bridge housing to stabilize families and provide critical housing while awaiting permanent housing placement.

The bridge housing program provides funding for the availability of new or currently unfunded shelter space or emergency housing units to provide temporary housing for households in crisis who are awaiting diversion to stable housing or permanent housing placement through the Coordinated Entry System (CES). The HLA competitively selected St. Vincent de Paul to deliver this program.

During the first three quarters in FY21, the bridge housing program served 58 families.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Tentative Budget within the Human Services Department budget.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc.

**Attachments:**

Agreement  
Data Sharing Agreement  
Insurance Requirements