



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding for the Florida Dream Center for equipment to increase capacity for Resident Advocacy and Mobile Food Bank programs.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding request, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for the Florida Dream Center for the equipment to increase capacity for Resident Advocacy and Mobile Food Bank programs.

- Funding is for technology and storage equipment including new laptops, printers, scanners, and storage shelving to support existing programs.
- The total cost of the equipment is \$20,207.57 and the Dream Center will fund any amount above the maximum grant award of \$20,000.00 from their own private sources.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to create and enhance a safe, secure, and healthy 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 homeless individuals and families to permanent housing

Deliver First Class Service to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:

The funding is sought to purchase technology equipment and storage shelving that will enable the organization to expand its services in its existing Resident Advocacy (case management) and Mobile Food Bank programs. The Florida Dream Center (FLDC) provides a network of direct services to people in need through its wrap-around services coordinated by its Resident Advocates (case managers) while also meeting their immediate hunger needs. This multi-purpose program provides the necessary tools to address the needs of disadvantaged residents; which include the homeless, ex-offenders, elderly, disabled, socially challenged, poor working class, etc.

Background Information:

The FLDC is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, providing a broad array of human services in our community. FLDC's services include feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, job skills training and placement, improving our community through Adopt-A-Block, and bringing other organizations and services in the community together for a common goal. All FLDC programs focus on services that improve health equity and promote self-sufficiency within Pinellas County.

Fiscal Impact:

This request for funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 is a one-time expenditure of budgeted MSTU

Special Project funds. Funding is included in the General Government MSTU cost center within the General Fund and is consistent with amounts provided during FY22 budget development.

Staff Member Responsible:

Chris Moore, Assistant to the County Administrator, County Administration

Partners:

Florida Dream Center

Attachments:

MSTU Special Projects Funding Application