



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

First Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Response Program Subaward Specific Performance Agreement with Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. for legal aid services to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the First Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) Program Subaward Specific Performance Agreement (Amendment) with Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. for legal aid services to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic.

- This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement six (6) months to June 30, 2022, providing additional time for Gulfcoast Legal Services to provide legal aid services to Pinellas County residents.
- The funding amount, not to exceed \$78,354.00 during the term of the Agreement, remains unchanged.
- The Agreement is effective from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
- Gulfcoast Legal Services' CDBG-CV funding is used for legal aid services to address COVID-19 related issues of eviction or other potential loss of tenancy for approximately 80 low- and moderate-income households.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:

This First Amendment to the CDBG-CV Program Amendment will provide additional time for Gulfcoast Legal Services to provide legal aid services to Pinellas County residents to address COVID-19 related issues of eviction or other potential loss of tenancy, by extending the term six (6) months from December 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The original Agreement requires that performance under the Agreement be completed by December 31, 2021. The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic has been ongoing and has affected the housing stability of many residents in Pinellas County. Gulfcoast Legal Services will be unable to continue supporting the eviction prevention program once the agreement expires. It is necessary to extend the term of the Agreement six (6) months, to June 30, 2022.

This Amendment will have no fiscal impact. The total CDBG-CV investment for this project is not to exceed \$78,354.00.

Background/Explanation:

CDBG-CV funding for the Public Services Program was approved in both the First Substantial Amendment, approved July 21, 2020, and the Second Substantial Amendment, approved April 27, 2021, to the County's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20). The Gulfcoast Legal Services Operations project to respond to COVID-19 is an eligible activity under the Public Services Program. This Agreement will provide funding for legal aid services to address eviction and other potential loss of tenancy in order to ensure stable housing for the benefit of approximately 80 low- and moderate-income households.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed providing funds to respond to the growing effects of COVID-19. The County received \$1,481,969.00 in CDBG-CV funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The Board adopted Resolution 20-68, approving the First Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan for FY20, which included funding for the CDBG-CV Public Services Program.

On September 11, 2020, HUD notified the County of a second allocation of CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$2,401,815.00, for a total of \$3,883,784.00 in CDBG-CV funding. The Board adopted Resolution 21-24, approving the Second Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan for FY20, which included increased funding for the CDBG-CV Public Services Program.

On May 4, 2021, the County Administrator executed CDBG-CV Program Amendment CDCV19GLSHS, effective April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact. The total amount of funding for this project, not to exceed \$78,354.00 during the term of the Agreement remains unchanged. Funding for this Agreement is included in the County's Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Adopted Budget for CDBG-CV funds.

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this Agreement is granted under Code Section 2-62(a) (1) and Resolution No. 21-24.

Staff Member Responsible:

Carol Stricklin, Director, Housing and Community Development

Partners:

Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Attachments:

First Amendment to Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Response Program
Subaward Specific Performance Agreement

Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Response Program Subaward Specific
Performance Agreement, May 4, 2021

Resolution No. 21-24