



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding agreement with the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. for operational costs and direct services.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the funding agreement with Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. (HLA) for operational costs and direct services.

- This Agreement provides funding for operational costs for the HLA, including partial support of executive and support staff, and direct service costs associated with serving as the Continuum of Care Lead Agency.
- Additionally, this agreement provides funding for one full-time Pinellas Homeless Management Information System (PHMIS) staff person to fulfill the HLA's obligations as the PHMIS Lead Agency, support for youth entering the homeless system of care, and funding to support and manage the cold night shelter program.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$288,330.00 has been identified in the Human Services anticipated Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 General Fund appropriation.
- There are no changes in funding from the previous FY.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

2.4 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 operational costs for the HLA, including partial support of executive and support staff, and direct service costs associated with serving as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency. Additionally, this Agreement provides funding for one (1) full-time PHMIS staff person to assist with governance, analysis, and management of the PHMIS system to fulfill the HLA's obligations as the PHMIS Lead Agency; support for youth entering the homeless system of care; and funding to manage the cold night shelter program and related costs.

### **Background/Explanation:**

The HLA is a non-profit organization which coordinates services for homeless individuals, educates and trains organizations and citizens about homelessness, and acts as the CoC Lead Agency for federal funding to homeless providers within the County. All CoCs receiving federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are required to collect information in an HMIS system, support Housing First, and utilize a Coordinated Entry System. The HLA was designated the HMIS Lead Agency role in October 2017. During FY21, there were 22,989 active HMIS clients across 224 community projects, totaling nearly 370,000 services documented.

The cold weather shelter program provides overnight sheltering for residents when local temperatures drop to a feels-like forty (40) degrees. In these conditions, sheltering is critical for health and safety. As cold night shelters serve primarily the homeless, these funds are incorporated in the HLA budget to help manage the program as well as offset some of the food, supplies, and other operating costs of participating shelter locations. During FY22 for three (3) nights, 9 cold night shelters served a total of 673 people.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$288,330.00 has been identified in the Human Services' anticipated Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) General Fund appropriation.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.

**Attachments:**

HLA Agreement