



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Community Development Block Grant Program Subaward Specific Performance and Use Restriction Agreement with WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc., for a Community Development Block Grant funded emergency shelter rehabilitation.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Program Subaward Specific Performance and Use Restriction Agreement (Agreement) with WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc. (WestCare), for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded emergency shelter rehabilitation.

- This Agreement provides CDBG funding, not to exceed \$310,982.00, for the installation of a commercial grade emergency generator, renovation of bath and shower rooms, and the replacement of windows, at A Turning Point facility.
- The Agreement is effective for 24 months, from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2023. Use of the property is restricted to serving homeless individuals with substance abuse issues through October 1, 2042.
- WestCare's A Turning Point emergency shelter, located at 1801 - 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, serves as an emergency intervention shelter and inebriate receiving facility for the benefit of approximately 950 homeless persons with substance abuse issues.
- On August 22, 2022, the County executed Agreement CD21WCTP, with WestCare, providing \$207,234.00 for the rehabilitation project. Due to bid delays, the project was not completed before the Agreement expired.
- An additional \$103,748.00 is being provided to WestCare to cover increased project costs based on higher than anticipated bids.
- The funding for this agreement is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Budget and it is funded from the Community Development Grant Fund.
- The County received \$2,551,626.00 in CDBG funds to improve neighborhoods, provide decent housing, and create new economic opportunities, with a special focus on serving low- and moderate-income persons.

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:

One of the projects to be carried out under the County's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (FY22) is funding of WestCare for facility rehabilitation. This Agreement will provide funding for rehabilitation at the agency's A Turning Point emergency shelter located at 1801 - 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33713.

The Agreement is effective for 24 months, from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2023. Use of the property is restricted to serving homeless persons with substance abuse issues through October 1, 2042.

Background Information:

In accordance with the adopted Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, it is necessary to enter into an Agreement with qualified agencies to allow for certain activities stated in the Annual Action Plan to be contractually delegated and specify the obligation of the agencies receiving funds in meeting Federal, State and County requirements.

The County received \$2,551,626.00 in CDBG funding for FY22. Funding is to be used to improve neighborhoods, provide decent housing, and create new economic opportunities, with a special focus on serving low- and moderate-income persons.

The CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and application cycle was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times, The Weekly Challenger, La Gaceta and Tre Magazine, posted on the Community Development website, and emailed to nonprofit agencies and local municipalities.

The competitive application process began on February 4, 2021, with applications being due March 5, 2021. Applications were reviewed for funding eligibility and scored by Community Development Division staff. Funding recommendations are based on staff ranking of eligible activities and eligible expenses.

On August 22, 2022, the County executed Agreement CD21WCTP, with WestCare for the rehabilitation project. Due to bid delays, the project was not completed before the Agreement expired.

Bids for the project came in higher than anticipated and additional funding is being provided to WestCare to cover the additional project costs.

Fiscal Impact:

The total amount of funding for this agreement is not to exceed \$310,982.00 during the term of the Agreement. Funding for this Agreement is consistent with the County's FY23 Adopted budget for CDBG funds.

Staff Member Responsible:

Carol Stricklin, Director, Housing and Community Development

Partners:

WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Attachments:

Community Development Block Grant Subaward Specific Performance and Use Restriction Agreement

Community Development Block Grant Subaward Specific Performance and Use Restriction Agreement, August 22, 2022

Project Location Map

2021-2022 Funding Recommendations

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