



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Award acceptance with service providers for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the award acceptance with eight nonprofit entities for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide (JAG-C).

- The JAG-C is a formula-based U.S. Department of Justice pass-through grant administered by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). It supports projects that help reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system.
- The Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) reviewed applications for projects to be funded by JAG-C. The selected projects were voted on and recommended by the SAAB on August 15, 2023.
- The JAG-C will provide \$250,805.00 in funding to support eleven projects in Pinellas County. The City of Clearwater (\$51,500.00) and the City of Largo (\$5,000.00) will administer their own projects directly with FDLE.
- Human Services will administer nine of the projects totaling \$194,305.00. One project funds internal program administration for the grants at \$25,080.00. The remaining projects are agreements with nonprofit agencies for a total of \$169,225.00.
- Eight of the agreements for approval are ALPHA House for Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Abuse (\$24,255.06), Boys and Girls Clubs of Suncoast for Youth Prevention Program (\$8,300.98), Community Action Stops Abuse for Collateral for Pinellas Law Enforcement (\$7,317.00), Goodwill Industries Suncoast for Tampa Bay Reentry Center (\$47,750.00), MORE Health, Inc. for Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention training for youth (\$25,000.00), Recovery Epicenter Foundation for The Catcher's Mitt (\$40,000.00), Vincent House for Clubhouse Services (\$8,300.98), and Westcare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc. for Mustard Seed Inn Case Management (\$8,300.98).
- The Board of County Commissioners signed the Certificate of Participation (23-017C) on July 26, 2023, and approved the JAGC recommended projects (23-1348A) on September 19, 2023.
- Funding to support this agreement was anticipated and is included in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.
- No match is required.

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

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:

The JAG-C is a formula-based pass-through grant of federal funds awarded to Pinellas County by the FDLE through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. JAG-C applications were received through a competitive solicitation and reviewed by the SAAB. On August 15, 2023, the SAAB approved the recommendation of eleven (11) projects for funding. These recommendations were approved by the Board on September 19, 2023. Of these projects, nine (9) will be administered by Human Services. One (1) supports the administration of the grant program (\$25,080.00) and eight (8) are subawards with the following nonprofits:

ALPHA House - Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Abuse - \$24,255.06

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast - Youth Prevention Program - \$8,300.98

Community Action Stops Abuse - Pinellas Law Enforcement Collateral - \$7,317.00

Goodwill Industries Suncoast - Tampa Bay Community Reentry Center - \$47,750.00

MORE Health - Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention Education - \$25,000.00

Recovery Epicenter Foundation - The Catcher's Mitt - \$40,000.00

Vincent House - Clubhouse Services - \$8,300.98

Westcare - The Mustard Seed Inn Case Management - \$8,300.98

The City of Largo and the City of Clearwater will administer their own projects directly with FDLE. The City of Largo project total is \$5,000.00 and the City of Clearwater project total is \$51,500.00.

FDLE approved the County submitted JAG-C applications and issue the award of acceptance.

Background Information:

The JAG-C is a recurring DOJ pass-through grant administered by FDLE. JAG-C Projects must fall within a specific federal purpose area that reduces crime and/or improves the criminal justice system. Florida's JAG-C program represents 60% of the state's total federal Justice Assistance Grant award. The program is governed by Rule 11D-9 of the Florida Administrative Code (Code 11D-9) and funds are allocated to the County based partially on population and crime statistics.

The SAAB was established in 1989 to comply with Code 11D-9, stating Florida counties should appoint a substance abuse policy board that represents all components of the criminal justice system. The SAAB serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and one of its primary duties is to review applications and recommend projects to be funded by JAG-C.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,805.00 is provided by the JAG-C to support eleven (11) projects in Pinellas County. Of these projects, nine (9) will be administered by Human Services. These projects have a combined total of \$194,305.00.

The City of Largo and the City of Clearwater will administer their own projects directly with FDLE. The City of Largo project total is \$5,000.00 and the City of Clearwater project total is \$51,500.00.

Funding to support this agreement was anticipated and \$194,305.00 is included in the FY24 Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services.

Partners:

ALPHA House of Pinellas County
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast
Community Actions Stops Abuse
Goodwill Industries Suncoast
Recovery Epicenter Foundation
MORE Health
Van Gogh's Palette dba Vincent House
WestCare Gulfcoast-Florida
The Florida Department of Law Enforcement
U.S. Department of Justice

Attachments:

Letter Delegating Authority to County Administrator
JAG-C Award Acceptances (9)
ALPHA House Agreement
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast Agreement
Community Action Stops Abuse Agreement
Goodwill Industries Suncoast Agreement
MORE Health Agreement
Recovery Epicenter Foundation Agreement
Vincent House Agreement
Westcare Gulfcoast Agreement