

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 7, 2016 [] Consent [X] Regular [] Ordinance [] Public Hearing
Department Submitted By: Community Services Submitted For: Community Services

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: advance payment in the amount of \$35,531 for the Center for Family Services, for operating costs at the Pat Reeves Village (Family Homeless Shelter).

Summary: The Center for Family Services (CFS) operates the Pat Reeves Village, the only homeless emergency shelter for homeless families with dependent children in Palm Beach County. On July 21, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved funding in the amount of \$111,014 for the Pat Reeves Village (R2015-1435). This contract has \$46,426 dollars remaining in their current allocation. The advance payment will be made from this allocation. CFS's total program budget for the Pat Reeves Village is \$704,580. Fifty percent of their budget is based on projected donations from donors and foundations. Due to a significant decline in those donations, CFS is not able to meet payroll or operating costs for the Pat Reeves Village shelter for the month of June 2016, and as a result, they were in danger of closing their doors as of May 31, 2016. Closure of the Pat Reeves Village would displace 19 homeless families currently residing in the facility. This would tax the already overburdened homeless system and would result in the loss of 19 apartments. CFS requires \$35,531 to continue to operate for a 30 day period. This emergency plan is more cost effective than relocating 19 homeless families and would not disrupt the current staffing pattern or families residing at the Pat Reeves Village. The advance will be in 2 payments. One payment will be made immediately to allow CFS to meet payroll on June 15, 2016, and the second payment will be contingent upon an effective transition plan from CFS that identifies another entity capable of sustaining the emergency shelter program. County Staff anticipates a new shelter operator will be in place by July 1, 2016. (CSD) Countywide (HH)

Background and Justification: On May 28, 2016 it was brought to the attention of County staff that CFS was slated to close its doors on May 31, 2016 due to cash flow issues. As a result, County staff reached out to the CFS Board of Directors, various funders and nonprofits who are operating homeless services to develop a contingency plan that would allow the Pat Reeves Village, the only Palm Beach County Emergency Shelter for families with dependent children to remain open. On May 31, 2016 a meeting was hosted by the Community Services (Department) and it was agreed that the CFS would develop a transition plan for Pat Reeves Village in conjunction with Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc., and The Lord's Place, Inc. During the transition period, the Department agreed to request emergency assistance for CFS for one month of operating costs.

Attachments:

Recommended By: [Signature] Department Director Date: 6/2/16
Approved By: [Signature] County Administrator Date: 6/2/16

