Agenda Item No.______3CC <u>___</u>

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY Meeting Date: October 22, 2019 [x] Consent [] Regular [] Workshop [] Public Hearing Department: Office of Equal Opportunity [] Public Hearing Submitted By: Office of Equal Opportunity [] Submitted For:

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Contracts for the Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant Program with the non-profit agencies listed below, for the period October 22, 2019 through September 30, 2020, in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000:

- A. A Contract with The ARC of Palm Beach County, Inc. for the provision of improving accessibility and equal opportunity and promoting awareness of the rights and ambitions of persons with disabilities through an awareness program targeting local businesses, employers and community leaders in an amount not to exceed \$4,875;
- **B.** A Contract with Best Buddies International, Inc. to sustain current school chapters and promote one-to-one friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to develop social skills that will aid in future employment, independence and integration into society post-graduation, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500;
- **C.** A Contract with Easter Seals of Florida, Inc. to market a 12 week skills training course which assists individuals with disabilities or other special needs for work in the hospitality field, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500;
- **D.** A Contract with Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, Inc. to purchase office equipment to increase the safety of students, staff, visitors and volunteers, and to secure sensitive student information and supplies, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
- **E.** A Contract with Jeff Industries, Inc. to purchase computer equipment to be used by persons with chronic mental illnesses with co-occurring disorders and residual substance abuse transition from temporary housing to permanent affordable housing, learn employment skills, apply for benefits and complete on-line job applications with a goal to attain self-sufficiency, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000; and
- **F.** A Contract with Sea Turtle Adventures Incorporated, to purchase a motorized beach wheelchair to allow for full participation and inclusion by adults with disabilities in beach cleanups, beach-combing events, shorebird observations, mangrove cleanups, and sea turtle related experiences, in an amount not to exceed \$6,125.

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1. Contracts (w/Ex	xhibits "A" and Certificates of Insuranc	e)
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	Department Director	Date
Approved by:	Assistant County Administrator	10/21/19
	Administrator	Date/ /

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	
Capital Expenditures		. <u></u>		
Operating Costs	<u>30,000</u>			
External Revenues				
Program Income (County)				
In-Kind Match (County)				
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>30,000</u>			
# ADDITIONAL FTE				
POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0	0	_0	
Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yesx_ No Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes Nox_				

Budget Account No.: Fund 0001 Agency 400 Org 4251 Object 8201

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

The Office of Equal Opportunity's Handicapped Program has an annual cost of \$107,915 for FY2020. These costs are \$65,944 for salary and benefits for one staff person and distribution of \$30,000 to community organizations by the Fair Housing Board through the Office of Equal Opportunity.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

OFMB 202 10/8 Contract Dev. and Control 10/18/19-F

B. Legal Sufficiency:

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Assistant County Attorney	
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C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.

Summary: The Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant Program, which derived funds from fines collected from parking violations in designated handicap parking spaces, was discontinued by the State of Florida in 2005 and absorbed into the County's general fund on October 1, 2017. On July 2, 2019, the BCC adopted Ordinance 2019-027 which included a provision for the Fair Housing Board to review proposals and make recommendations on the award of the program's budgeted grant funds. Through a competitive application process, the Fair Housing Board reviewed responsive proposals submitted by non-profit agencies in conformance with the Ordinance and established program guidelines to support the recommendation to fund the agencies listed above. Funding for the program was approved in the FY 2020 budget. <u>Countywide</u> (DO)

Background and Justification: The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted Resolution R92-1890 in December 1992, establishing the duties of the Office of Equal Opportunity Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant Review Committee (Grant Review Committee). The Grant Review Committee's duties included reviewing non-profit agencies' proposals for funding to improve accessibility and public awareness for physically disabled persons in the County, and making recommendations to the BCC on the proposals. However, the County's Housing and Places of Public Accommodation Board (Fair Housing Board) performed similar functions, some of which overlapped with the Grant Review Committee. On May 7, 2019, the BCC adopted Resolution R 2019-0681 which repealed Resolution R92-1890. On July 2, 2019, the BCC adopted Ordinance 2019-027 which included a provision for the Fair Housing Board to review proposals and make recommendations on the award of grant funds. The Fair Housing Board and the Office of Equal Opportunity concur on the recommendations and funding amounts.