

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: November 5, 2019 [ ] Consent [X] Regular  
[ ] Ordinance [ ] Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Community Services

Submitted For: Division of Human And Veteran Services

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: a budget transfer in the amount of \$130,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserves to the Division of Human and Veteran Services (DHVS), for the provision of emergency housing services provided to clients of The Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health, Inc. (Jerome Golden Center) that face possible loss of stable housing,

**Summary:** In early September 2019, staff was advised that the Jerome Golden Center, a major provider of publicly funded behavioral health services in Palm Beach County, was filing for bankruptcy. In the weeks following this notification, it was announced that the Jerome Golden Center had accepted an offer for a full asset sale of all its associated properties to an unnamed for-profit organization. It is expected that this sale will leave an enormous void in the behavioral health continuum of care. Among the properties included in the sale are two residential properties, collectively containing 55 apartments housing individuals with severe and persistent mental illness (47 are occupied). In addition to these properties, the Jerome Golden Center also provides case management to 40 scattered sites housing units. The total number of housing units under the direction of the Jerome Golden Center is 131. The City of West Palm Beach has amended their contract with the Palm Beach County Housing Authority to place 44 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) clients and has added an additional five (5) client slots to transition facility based clients. Staff is requesting \$130,000 from the contingency reserves to ensure that 40 units for the most vulnerable clients continue to be operational and allow those housed clients to remain stable through this transition. In addition, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contract is ending in May of 2020 and will sunset at that time. DHVS has to transition 31 clients before expiration. This request covers 2 months of rental and utility costs for 31 HUD funded clients and also 9 clients funded through the County until September 2022. The breakdown of requested ad valorem funds will be \$40,861 for a contract with a partner agency that the County is working on finalizing for that agency to begin paying these rents as of December 1, \$10,000 for internal staff costs to administer the program short term, and \$79,139 which will be used to cover the lapse in HUD funding while their agreement is transitioned to the County from Jerome Golden and to pay rents for clients until the partner agency contract is in place. County staff will be working with HUD in an effort to recoup the funds expended on that agreement during the transition period. The contract with a partner agency will be presented to the board at an upcoming meeting. Countywide (HH)

**Background and Policy Issues:** Jerome Golden closed its doors on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This has left 31 single HUD Supportive Housing (PSH) clients without supportive services or oversight. In addition, there are another 9 single clients that are being housed through a contract with Palm Beach County. This equates to 40 PSH clients that are currently not receiving any support services or oversight. The current HUD contract with Jerome Golden has \$336,906 remaining, which includes funding for rents and utilities for the 31 clients, as well as FTE's needed to manage the program. The County plans to have HUD transfer this contract directly to the County starting in December to assist these clients through the remainder of the year. This request for a transfer from contingency reserves will bridge the gap until the HUD funding can be transferred to the County and will allow services to continue to be provided to these clients without interruption.

**Attachment:** Budget Transfer

Recommended By: [Signature] 11/4/19  
Department Director Date

Approved By: Nancy J. Belton 11/4/19  
Assistant County Administrator Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	130,000				
External Revenue					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>130,000</b>				

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes  No   
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes  No


Budget Account No.:  
 Fund 0001 Dept 148 Unit Var Object Var Program Code \_\_\_\_\_ Program Period \_\_\_\_\_

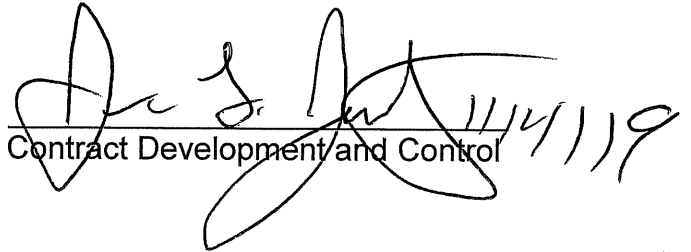
**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**  
 Funding is being transferred from General Fund Contingency Reserves

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:**   
 Julie Dowe, Director of Finance and Support Services

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:**

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 Contract Development and Control

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 Department Director

**This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 BUDGET Transfer

FUND (0001) - General Fund

Use this form to provide budget for items not anticipated in the budget.

ACCT.NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED AS OF 10/30/19	REMAINING BALANCE
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>								
820 9900	9901 Contingency Reserves	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	130,000	19,870,000		
148 1310	1201 Salaries & Wages Regular	2,586,080	2,586,080	10,000	0	2,596,080	82,711	<b>2,513,369</b>
148 1331	3401 Other Contractual Services	756,909	756,909	40,861	0	797,770	136,903	<b>660,867</b>
148 1358	8301 Contributions For Individuals	1,720,531	1,720,531	79,139	0	1,799,670	5,000	<b>1,794,670</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>1,304,996,516</b>	<b>1,335,731,327</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>1,335,731,327</b>		

Signatures

Date

By Board of County Commissioners  
 At Meeting on November 5, 2019

COMMUNITY SERVICES

INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

Administration/Budget Department Approval

OFMB Department - Posted

for Finance  
Robert Rawls      11/4/19  
11/4/19

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 Deputy Clerk to the  
 Board of County Commissioners