# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: January 7, 2020	[ X ] Consent [ ] Ordinance	[ ] Regular [ ] Public Hearing			
Department:					
Submitted By:	County Library/Administration				
Submitted For:	County Library/Admi	nistration			

#### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion & Title: Staff recommends motion to:

- **A) Approve** an agreement with Housing Partnership Inc. dba Community Partners of South Florida and Children's Home Society of Florida in their capacity as the agencies who administer BRIDGES of Palm Beach County to provide high quality literacy activities to BRIDGES of Palm Beach County families.
- B) Authorize the County Administrator or designee to execute any necessary amendments to this agreement.

**Summary:** The intent of this Agreement is to provide high quality literacy activities to BRIDGES of Palm Beach County families. The Housing Partnership Inc. dba Community Partners of South Florida and Children's Home Society of Florida agrees to the following:

- Provide flyers and other materials to families in order to engage them to attend Library events, workshops, and activities.
- Host literacy-related activities lead by PBC library staff.
- Provide snacks for families during activities that occur on site at the BRIDGES.
- Engage families to attend activities that occur on site at the BRIDGES.

In return, the Palm Beach County Library System agrees to the following:

- Provide at least 6 high quality literacy-related activities per year.
- Attend service coordination meetings with BRIDGES
- Serve as member of the Early Childhood Collaborative Teams

This agreement was borne out of a request by BRIDGES to create a formal partnership as required by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, and to initiate a more organized approach to providing family literacy services in communities that are mutually served by all parties involved. It is the goal of this partnership to expand access to library resources and instill a love of reading amongst children and their families such that children will be more equipped to enter school ready and eager to learn, with a focus on helping children read on grade level by the time they reach 3rd grade. All services and collaborative efforts are contingent on BRIDGES and Library staff availability as well as the availability of space. The agreement is for one year with automatic renewals thereafter. Countywide (AH)

Background and Justification: BRIDGES are gathering places that connect local families to community resources so more children are born healthy, remain free from abuse and neglect, are ready for kindergarten, and have increased access to quality afterschool and summer programs. The Palm Beach County Library System has a relationship spanning over 10 years with several BRIDGES sites, including Lake Worth West, Pahokee, and Belle Glade. In total, BRIDGES operates in 10 neighborhoods across the County. This agreement lays out the responsibilities of both parties as it relates to supporting families' literacy needs and expands the Library's ability to offer resources through outreach in BRIDGES neighborhoods beyond the three currently being served.

Attachment: Agreement (2)				
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Recommended By: Department Director	(Douglas Crane) ( 2 / ) ( Q Date			
Approved By: Assistant County Administrator	Blung (Todd Bonlarron) 12/20/19 Date			

### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

# A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	20 <u>19</u>	20 <u>20</u>	20 <u>21</u>	20 <u>22</u>	20 <u>23</u>
Capital Expenditures Operating Costs External Revenues Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County)	0 0 0 0		0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0
NET FISCAL IMPACT # ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u> </u>	0	0	0	0
Is Item Included in Current Budget Account No.:			Yes_	 No <u>_X</u>	0
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No _X_					
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В.	Recommended	Sources	of	Funds/Summary	of	Fiscal	Impact:
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Sources:

Impact:

**Departmental Fiscal Review:** 

(Director, Library Finance and Facilities)

# III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

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

Legal Sufficiency:

Other Department Review:

Department Director

#### **AGREEMENT**

Between Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and Housing Partnership, Inc. dba Community Partners of South Florida and Children's Home Society of Florida in their capacity as the agencies who administer BRIDGES of Palm Beach County

This Agreement (Agreement) is hereby entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Effective Date") between Palm Beach County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners (PBC) and Housing Partnership, Inc. dba Community Partners of South Florida (HP), a Florida Not for Profit Corporation, and The Children's Home Society of Florida (CHSF), a Florida Not for Profit Corporation, in their capacity as the agencies who administer BRIDGES of Palm Beach County (BRIDGES).

1. **Purpose:** The intent of this Agreement is to provide high quality literacy activities to BRIDGES of Palm Beach County families.

Families will be able to access activities and workshops focused on literacy that feature fun, interactive activities lead by PBC library personnel. It is the goal of this partnership to expand access to library resources and instill a love of reading amongst children and their families such that children will be more equipped to enter school ready and eager to learn, with a focus on helping children read on level by the time they reach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. All services and collaborative efforts are contingent on BRIDGES and PBC staff availability as well as the availability of space.

2. **Mutually reinforcing activities and roles and responsibilities:** The following are the respective mutually agreed upon reinforcing activities and roles and responsibilities each partner is committed to through this Agreement:

# Housing Partnership, Inc. and The Children's Home Society of Florida responsibilities, through the BRIDGES Program:

- Provide flyers and other materials to families in order to engage them to attend Library events, workshops, and activities.
- Host literacy-related activities lead by PBC library staff.
- Provide snacks for families during activities that occur on site at the BRIDGES.
- Engage families to attend activities that occur on site at the BRIDGES.

## Palm Beach County Library System responsibilities:

- Provide at least 6 high quality literacy-related activities per year.
- Attend service coordination meetings with BRIDGES
- Serve as member of the Early Childhood Collaborative Teams, inclusive of parents, local childcare
  providers and community stakeholders to identify and meet the needs of pre-kindergarten children in
  the community by providing parent training workshops and resources to promote the foundational skills
  needed for school readiness.
- 3. **Terms and conditions:** This Agreement shall be effective for one year, after the Effective Date and shall automatically renew annually. Termination of this Agreement is at will by either Party, by giving five (5) business days written notice to the other Party.
- 4. Payments: No fees or payments are due by either party for the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement.
- 5. **No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity:** Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by either party.
- 6. **Compliance with Laws:** In the conduct of the terms of this Agreement, the parties shall comply in all material respects with all applicable federal and Florida laws and regulations and all applicable local ordinances and regulations.

7. Notice: When either party desires to give notice, such notice shall be given in writing sent by registered U.S. mail, return receipt requested, or by electronic transmission producing a written record, at the following addresses:

PBC Palm Beach County Library System

Attn: Aurora Arthay 3650 Summit Blvd.

West Palm Beach, FL 33406

561-233-2725

HP & CHSF Housing Partnership Inc. doing business as Community Partners of South Florida

and Children's Home Society of Florida

Attn: Kathy Wall, BRIDGES 2001 Blue Heron Blvd. Riviera Beach, FL 33404

561-628-7897

- 8. Amendment: This Agreement may be amended only by the mutual written consent of both parties.
- 9. **Severability:** If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such terms or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.
- 10. Remedies: This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce this Agreement will be held in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.
- 11. No Third Party Beneficiaries: No provision of this Agreement is intended to or shall be construed to create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Agreement, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the BRIDGES and/or PBC.
- 12. **Records:** Each party shall maintain its own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to public records. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with any public records request served upon it pursuant to Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and any resultant award of attorney's fees for non-compliance with that law.
- 13. Inspector General: PBC has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421-2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed PBC contracts, transactions, accounts, and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor and inspect the activities of BRIDGES, its officers, agents, employees and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and to detect corruption and fraud. Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421- 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

- 14. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter. This Agreement may only be modified by written amendment executed by PBC and BRIDGES.
- 15. Non-Discrimination: PBC is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, BRIDGES warrants and represents that throughout the term of this Agreement, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures on the day and year first written above.

ATTEST: Sharon R. Bock, Esq. Clerk & Comptroller	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BY: Deputy Clerk	BY:
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency	Approved as to terms and conditions
BY: <u>Anne Odeljand</u> Assistant County Attorney	BY: Director, Palm Beach County Library System
Housing Partnership, Inc. dba Community Partners	s of South Florida and Children's Home Society of Florida

Gregory Demetriades

Chief Financial Officer Housing Partnership, Inc.

dba Community Partners of South Florida

Charles Scherer

Regional Executive Director

Children's Home Society of Florida



#### Families Empowered, Communities Connected

a program of Children's Services Council

BRIDGES, a program of the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, are 10 neighborhood hubs that connect local families to community resources so more children are born healthy, remain free from abuse and neglect, are ready for kindergarten, and children are successful in school by the end of 3rd grade. To this end, BRIDGES offers assistance with:

- Information on health and wellness for adults and children
- Getting medical care for pregnant women, babies and families with young children
- Finding quality child care and education for children
- Workshops and practical advice to help parents raise their children
- · Connecting families to community providers of food, shelter, medical care and other vital, every day needs
- A welcoming place where neighbors can share news, make friends and find support.

#### Below is a directory of the ten BRIDGES site locations:

- BRIDGES at Lake Park 1411 10<sup>th</sup> Street Lake Park, FL 33403 Phone: 561-881-5060 Director: Anishka Hepburn anishka.hepburn@chsfl.org
- BRIDGES at Riviera Beach 4152 W. Blue Heron Boulevard Suite 228 Riviera Beach, FL 33404 Phone: 561-899-1644 Director: Kenyon Link klink@cp-cto.org
- BRIDGES at Northwood Located at Northmore Elementary School 4111 N. Terrace Drive, Portable 9 West Palm Beach, FL 33407 Phone: 561-840-3106 Director: Charles Wilson charles.wilson@chsfl.org
- BRIDGES at West Palm Beach 720 8<sup>th</sup> Street West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Phone: 561-804-6754 Director: Torrey Smith torrey.smith@chsfl.org
- BRIDGES at Lake Worth West 4730 Maine Street Lake Worth, FL 33461 Phone: 561-649-9600 Director: Rhonda Rogers rrogers@lakeworthwest.org

- BRIDGES at Highland Located at Highland Elementary 500 Highland Avenue, Clarke Building Lake Worth, FL 33460 Phone: 561-899-1652 Director: Lila Greenidge <u>lgreenidge@cp-cto.org</u>
- 7. BRIDGES at Lake Worth 802 S. Dixie Highway Lake Worth, FL **33460** Phone: 561-899-1642 Director: Danny Pierre Louis dpierrelouis@cp-cto.org
- 8. BRIDGES at Boynton Beach 970 North Seacrest Blvd, Suite 110 Boynton Beach, FL 33435 Phone: 561-369-2323x130 Director: Kemberly Bush kbush@p2ppbc.org
- BRIDGES at Pahokee
   Located at Community Health Center
   170 S Barfield Highways, Suite 102
   Pahokee, FL 33476
   Phone: 561-924-9224
   Director: Cylenthia Mann
   <u>cmann@cp-cto.org</u>
- 10. BRIDGES at Belle Glade 33 Ave A Belle Glade, FL 33430 Phone: 561-992-8210 Director: Annie Ifill aifill@cp-cto.org

System of Care Director: Kathy Wall <a href="mailto:kwall@cp-cto.org">kwall@cp-cto.org</a> 561-628-7897

Triple P / Child Development Director: Rebecca Matte <a href="mailto:mai