

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: May 5, 2020

Consent Regular
 Ordinance Public Hearing

Department: CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
Submitted For: CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

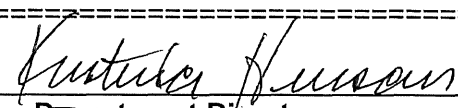
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: **A) receive and file** a renewal grant application to the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge in the amount of \$1,430,200 for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 to fund existing and new strategies to reduce Palm Beach County's jail by 23% by the end of 2021 and address racial and ethnic disparities in the jail population; **B) receive and file** the grant award agreement (19-1806-153373-CJ) with the Foundation in the amount of \$1,400,000 pursuant to the above application; **C) approve** a budget amendment of \$1,400,000 in the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge \$1.4M Fund to recognize grant funding from the MacArthur Foundation and set up a transfer of \$293,800 to the General Fund for the Department of Public Safety Division of Justice Services Pretrial Office to allocate funding for services as provided in the grant budget; **D) approve** a budget amendment of \$293,800 in the General Fund to recognize the transfer from the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge \$1.4M Fund; and **E) approve** the addition of one (1) Criminal Justice Analyst (pay grade 29) to the Criminal Justice Commission complement.

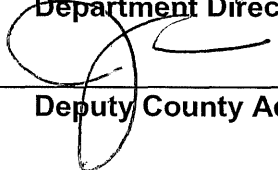
Summary: Palm Beach County, through the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), was awarded \$2,000,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Grant Program on October 2, 2017 to be a Core Site. On January 1, 2020 the County was awarded a renewal grant of \$1,400,000 to continue participation in the SJC Network of 52 national sites and to continue the criminal justice system reform work started in 2015. The \$293,800 for the Justice Services Pretrial Office will continue to fund two Pretrial Services Counselors (each at \$83,900) who provide critical information on defendants for First Appearance Hearings and supervise defendants placed on the Supervised Release Program, in addition to \$10,000 for bus passes and \$116,000 for drug testing. The Criminal Justice Analyst Position will provide research and analysis on the jail population and work with the MacArthur Teams to identify pretrial inmates for potential release options to the community. If grant funding ceases, the position will be deleted from the CJC complement. The grant agreement was executed on February 24, 2020 on behalf of the Board by the Executive Director of the CJC in accordance with R2017-0914. **No County matching funds are required. Countywide (JW)**

Background and Justification: In May of 2015, Palm Beach County was one of 20 jurisdictions chosen by the MacArthur Foundation for initial grants and expert counsel to develop plans for reform after a highly competitive selection process that drew applications from nearly 200 jurisdictions in 45 states. During this initial grant period in 2015, the CJC led the effort to develop a reform plan focused on reforming the First Appearance Hearing process and diverting from jail those with mental illness, minor outstanding warrants, misdemeanor technical probation violations, and those charged with driving with suspended licenses. In 2016 the County received an additional \$150,000 to continue participation in the Challenge Network of 20 sites to continue to implement the strategies identified in 2015. This award of \$2,000,000 is for full implementation of strategies designed to reduce the jail by 16.7% by September 30, 2019.

Attachments:

- 1) Grant Application
- 2) Grant Award Agreement
- 3) Budget Amendment – MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge \$1.4M Fund
- 4) Budget Amendment – General Fund
- 5) Job Description: Criminal Justice Analyst

Recommended by:  3-24-20
Department Director Date

Approved by:  4-3-2020
Deputy County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Personal Services	\$211,400	\$413,400			
Operating Costs	376,050	329,150			
Capital Expenditures	70,000				
External Revenues	(657,450)	(742,550)			
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
Net Fiscal Impact	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			

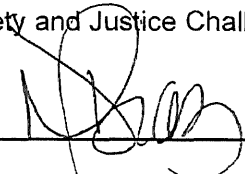
ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) 1 0 0 0

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes No X
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No X

Budget Account Exp No: Fund 1513 Department 762 Unit 7722 Object various
 Rev No: Fund 1513 Department 762 Unit 7722 RevSc 6694

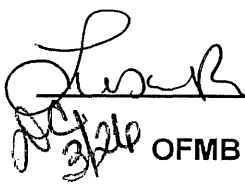
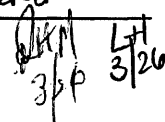
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

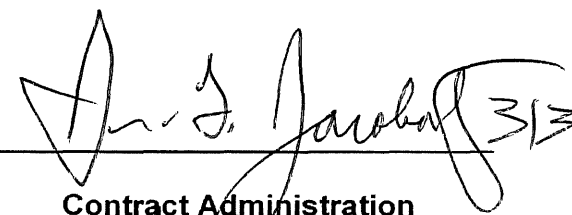
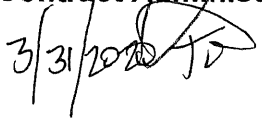
Fund: MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge \$1.4M
 Unit: MacArthur Foundation \$1.4M FY20-21
 Grant: MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge \$1.4M

Departmental Fiscal Review:  3/13/20

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

 3/27/2020
 OFMB  3/26

 3/31/2020
 Contract Administration
 3/31/2020

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 Sean-Adel Williams
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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