



**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

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

Fiscal Years	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income					
In-Kind Match (County)					
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>					

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

Budget Account No.:

Fund      Dept      Unit      Object      Program Code/Period     


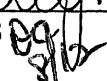
**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

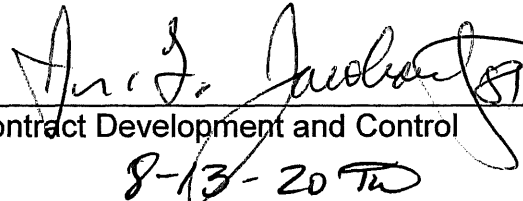
No Fiscal Impact.

C. **Departmental Fiscal Review:**   
 Shairette Major, Fiscal Manager II

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

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

 8/13/20  
 OFMB  8/17/20

 8/14/2020  
 Contract Development and Control  
 8-13-20 TW

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

 8/18/2020  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 Department Director

**Certification of Consistency  
with the Consolidated Plan**

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development

I certify that the proposed activities/projects in the application are consistent with the jurisdiction's current, approved Con (Type or Consolidated Plan.  
clearly print the following information

Applicant Name: FL-605 West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County Continuum of Care

Project Name: See Attached Project Descriptions

Location of the Project: Scattered Sites  
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Name of the Federal Program to which the applicant is applying: HUD Continuum of Care Program & Youth Homeless Project

Name of Certifying Jurisdiction: Palm Beach County

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name: Dave Kerner

Title: Mayor

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Terms and Conditions  
Dept. of Housing and Economic Sustainability

By: Jonathan Brown for  
Sherry Howard  
Deputy Director

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

By: [Signature] For  
Howard J. Falcon, III  
Chief Assistant County Attorney

ATTEST: Sharon Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

FL 605 2020 CoC Project Descriptions and S+C Project Descriptions

1. Project Safe II – Adopt a Family
2. Bridges to Success – Adopt a Family
3. Connecting Youth to Opportunities- Adopt-A-Family
4. Project Succeed – Gulfstream Goodwill Industries
5. Beacon Place – Gulfstream Goodwill Industries
6. Beacon Place II- Gulfstream Goodwill Industries
7. New Avenues– Gulfstream Goodwill Industries
8. DV Safe House Rapid Re-Housing Project– YWCA
9. Project Family Care – The Lord’s Place
10. Operation Home Ready- The Lord’s Place
11. Operation Home Ready II- The Lord’s Place
12. Operation Home Ready III-The Lord’s Place
13. Project Home- The Lord’s Place
14. Planning Grant- Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
15. DV Safe House II Rapid Re-Housing Project YWCA
16. Homeless Management Information System

## **1. Project Safe II- Adopt A Family**

### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Project / 17 12 Second Ave North, Lake Worth**

Project SAFE II (SAFE) is a permanent supportive housing program in Lake Worth that provides safe and supportive housing to homeless families with children. The program consists of 32 apartment units containing 128 beds. Adopt-A-Family has operated this program, in its current location, for the last 20 years. The agency has a distinguished history providing supportive housing for homeless families. In 1992, Adopt-A-Family received the first U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Supportive Housing Five-Year Demonstration Grant in Palm Beach County. Since that time, the agency has continued to develop innovative and effective housing programs to benefit homeless and at-risk homeless families.

Homeless families enter the program through Palm Beach County's Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center (HRC), the central point of access for all homeless populations. The 32 units at SAFE are dedicated to families experiencing chronic homelessness. Therefore, beds are prioritized for families meeting HUD's definition of chronically homeless, followed by the length of homelessness and acuity based on the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) score, which has allowed for enhanced prioritization.

SAFE serves families who have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment, which impedes their ability to live independently. The program is holistic in that it provides services to address the multitude of issues that homeless families face. Appropriate linkages and referrals are made to help families' secure mainstream benefits. The program collaborates with several community organizations to ensure that residents receive meaningful resources and services. Parenting classes, job training, health education, and nutrition counseling, childcare, and onsite mental health services complement the housing-based case management offered by the program staff.

## **2. Connecting Youth to Opportunities-Adopt A Family**

### **Rapid Re-Housing Permanent Housing Scattered Sites**

Adopt-A-Family's Connecting Youth to Opportunities (CYTO) Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) project is the only Housing First RRH project in Palm Beach County that targets families with heads of household ages 18 – 24 experiencing homelessness. This scattered-site RRH project will serve at least 12 households annually and will employ one full-time program manager to provide housing-based case management to the families. Families will receive deposit and/or rental assistance to obtain permanent, safe housing. Case management combined with a declining rental subsidy may be available for up to 18 months, as the youth prepare to become self-sufficient, depending on need.

Families will enter the program through Palm Beach County's Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center (HRC), the central point of access for all homeless populations. The 12 units are dedicated to chronically homeless pregnant and/or parenting youth ages 18 – 24. Available beds will be prioritized for the families who meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless, followed by the length of homelessness and acuity based on the Transition Age Youth – Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (TAY-VI-SPDAT) score.

Families entering CYTO will be assigned to a housing specialist to help them to quickly locate a suitable unit. The program manager will in tandem link the youth to services that may best meet their needs for housing stability including mainstream benefits, employment training, educational opportunities, childcare scholarships, nutrition programming, parenting classes, mental health therapy, substance abuse services, health education, and financial literacy. All services will complement the housing-based case management offered by the program manager to help the families obtain and remain in affordable housing. Bi-weekly case management and regular case staffings will be conducted. Throughout the process, landlords will remain engaged by monthly contact with the program manager and/or housing specialist.

### **3. Bridges to Success – Adopt a Family**

#### **Permanent Supportive Housing / Scattered Sites in Belle Glade**

Bridges to Success is the only permanent supportive housing program located in rural, western Palm Beach County targeting chronically homeless families with disabilities. The region served is an economically depressed area that has been plagued by a history of poverty, HIV, and crime. This scattered-site project consists of 10 units and 50 beds and one fulltime social worker assigned to work with the residents. The lead Agency is Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc. who is partnering with Families First of Palm Beach County. Adopt-A-Family has a remarkable history of providing supportive housing since 1992. Adopt-A-Family has a reputation for developing innovative collaborative projects focused on housing services to benefit homeless and at-risk families.

Homeless families enter the program through Palm Beach County's Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center (HRC), the central point of access of all homeless populations. The 10 units are dedicated to families experiencing chronic homelessness. Therefore, beds are prioritized for families meeting HUD's definition of chronically homeless, followed by the length of homelessness and acuity based on the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) score, which has allowed for enhanced prioritization.

Bridges to Success serves families who have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment, which impedes their ability to live independently. Comprehensive social work services are provided to secure appropriate linkages with mainstream benefits and community based providers supporting the family self-efficacy. This includes addressing the mental health, substance

abuse, medical and health needs as well as social, economic, parental, spiritual, and developmental needs of families through the development of an individualized case plan. The philosophy of this project is to provide a continuum of care fully engaging families to utilize tools that will increase their ability to be self-sufficient. Healthy thriving families can better maintain thriving healthy communities.

#### **4. Project Succeed – Gulfstream Goodwill Industries**

##### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Project / Scattered Site Locations**

Project Succeed is a Housing First permanent supportive housing program that started in 2002. It serves 56 individuals with mental illness and co-occurring substance-related disorder. These individuals come directly from the streets or the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center. The residents live in fully furnished 1-bedroom apartments in scattered sites throughout Palm Beach County. The apartment locations are selected to provide access to social services, shopping, employment, public transportation and community recreation centers. The overall goal for each resident is to maintain permanent housing, to increase income and benefits and self-sufficiency. Each program participant has a person-centered plan based on his or her own choices. A clinical team comprised of master's level counselors and case managers, licensed clinical social workers, an employment consultant and a Behavioral Health Specialist will offer support. Services include case management; linkages to community services, mainstream resources and health care; job training, placement and coaching services and life skills training.

#### **5. Beacon Place – Gulfstream Goodwill**

##### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Scattered Site Locations**

Beacon Place is a Housing First permanent supportive housing program that started in January of 2015. It transitioned from Project Success, a transitional housing program that had been operating since 1997. This program serves 12 individuals with severe mental illness & co-occurring substance-related disorders. A clinical team comprised of master's level counselors and case managers, licensed clinical social workers, an employment consultant and a Behavioral Health Specialist will offer support. These individuals come directly from the streets or the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center. The residents live in fully furnished efficiency apartments in a central location in Lake Worth. This location provides extra support for very vulnerable residents. It has access to social services, shopping, employment and public transportation. The overall goal for each resident is to maintain permanent housing, to increase income and benefits and self-sufficiency. Each program participant has a person-centered plan based on his or her own choices. Services include case management; linkages to community

services, mainstream resources and health care; job training, placement and coaching services and life skills training.

## **6. Beacon Place II– Gulfstream Goodwill**

### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Project/Scattered Site Locations**

Beacon Place 2 is a Housing First permanent supportive housing program that started in January of 2016. It serves 12 individuals who have been chronically homeless due to mental illness and/or substance use related disorders. These individuals come directly from the streets or the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center. The residents live in fully furnished 1-bedroom apartments in scattered sites throughout Palm Beach County. The apartment locations are selected to provide access to social services, shopping, employment, public transportation and community recreation centers. The overall goal for each resident is to maintain permanent housing, to increase income and benefits and self-sufficiency. Each program participant has a person-centered plan based on his or her own choices. A clinical team comprised of master's level counselors and case managers, licensed clinical social workers, an employment consultant and a Behavioral Health Specialist will offer support. Services include case management; linkages to community services, mainstream resources and health care; job training, placement and coaching services and life skills training.

## **7. New Avenues - Gulfstream Goodwill Industries**

### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Project / Scattered Site Locations**

New Avenues is a Housing First permanent supportive housing program that started in 2011. It serves 38 individuals who have been chronically homeless due to mental illness and/or substance use related disorders. These individuals come directly from the streets or the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center. The residents live in fully furnished 1-bedroom apartments in scattered sites throughout Palm Beach County. The apartment locations are selected to provide access to social services, shopping, employment, public transportation and community recreation centers. The overall goal for each resident is to maintain permanent housing, to increase income and benefits and self-sufficiency. Each program participant has a person-centered plan based on his or her own choices. A clinical team comprised of master's level counselors and case managers, licensed clinical social workers, peer mentors, an employment consultant and a Behavioral Health Specialist will offer support. Services include case management; linkages to community services, mainstream resources and health care; job training, placement and coaching services and life skills training.



## **8. DV Safehouse Rapid Re-Housing Project-YWCA**

### **Rapid Re-Housing Reallocation**

The YWCA Domestic Violence Rapid Re-Housing proposes to serve 54 homeless families who are victims of domestic violence with deposit/rental assistance and case management.

The project will provide limited (short-term or medium-term) rental assistance, rental deposits, utility deposits and case management. There are two staff serving as housing specialists to assist homeless victims of domestic violence to obtain and remain in their own scattered-site apartments and link them to services that will help promote long-term housing stability and prevent future violent relationships. Case management is provided as needed with bi-weekly visits to their apartment.

Assisted victims will have to meet HUD's definition of "homeless under the HEARTH Act as well as be a victim of domestic violence with an act of violence occurring within the previous two-three months. Referrals will come from the two State certified emergency domestic violence shelters. Due to the statutory legal obligations of confidentiality, victims will not be expected to go through the COC's coordinated assessment system however referrals may come from the COC's Coordinated System. The program is designed to assist victims of domestic violence develop housing stability, maintain their current income or increase income through employment and mainstream benefits, and become self-sufficient and free from abuse.

Deposit/Rental assistance will be administered by the YWCA of Palm Beach County Rapid Re-housing staff and are certified domestic violence victim advocates. The project will serve victims of domestic violence by requiring qualifying victims to pay a portion of deposits and/or rent when applicable and by serving additional households when actual rents are below FMR.

In addition to rental assistance, supportive services are intended to assist victims attain and maintain housing permanence and stability. The YWCA will provide a Housing Specialist and a Case Manager who will:

1. Complete an in-depth assessment and develop a service plan
2. Meet with participants as needed and provide bi-weekly visits in their apartment or program office to provide case management, continuous safety planning, information and referrals, and assessment of progress toward goals established in the service plan focused on independent self-sufficient living.
3. Provide assistance to participants through established partnerships to help them maintain, obtain, and increase employment income and other income to help them maintain housing stability.

4. Provide or link participants with any needed life skills training such as budgeting, parenting, etc. and any other needed services that will promote housing stability.

## **9. Project Family Care – The Lord’s Place**

### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing / 4964 Wedgewood Way West Palm Beach**

Project Family Care is a Housing First permanent supportive housing program that serves 24 chronically homeless families. The program provides fully furnished two and three bedroom apartments, with the capability of connecting two of the two-bedroom apartments to create a four-bedroom unit. As a Housing First program, Project Family Care employs policies and procedures that have removed all barriers to housing. Participation in services and sobriety are not used as criteria to deny access or to terminate housing. The program incorporates evidence-based practices such as Motivational Interviewing and Harm Reduction to encourage families to address obstacles to stability, helping them to decrease the level of harmful behaviors without the threat of termination. The program offers numerous supportive services, including assistance with basic needs such as benefits coordination, SOAR assistance, job training, tutoring, money management instruction, nutrition, transportation, and childcare, as well as physical and behavioral health care, through case management, peer support, individual and family therapy, psychiatric services, and health care coordination. All supportive services are available but not required, in alignment with the Housing First model.

Project Family Care includes a Youth Services Program to establish normalcy and promote academic achievement for the children and adolescents in the program. School-aged youth are enrolled in local schools or assisted to maintain their home school through collaboration with the School District of Palm Beach County. For younger children, childcare is arranged through community programs. The Youth Services Program offers regular pro-social activities and educational field trips, academic support, after-school tutoring, educational advocacy, as well as a youth-led leadership council and dedicated Youth Center.

## **10. Operations Home Ready- The Lord’s Place**

### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Project / Scattered Site Locations**

Operation Home Ready is a Housing First permanent supportive housing program that serves 8 chronically homeless individuals with disabilities, including severe mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders. The program provides housing to clients at scattered-site one-bedroom apartments located throughout the community. As a Housing First program, Operation Home Ready employs policies and procedures that have removed all barriers to housing. Participation in services and sobriety are not used as criteria to deny access or to terminate housing. The program incorporates evidence-based practices such as Motivational Interviewing and Harm Reduction to encourage clients to address obstacles to stability, helping them to decrease the level of harmful behaviors without the threat of termination. Operation Home Ready offers numerous supportive services, including assistance with basic needs such as benefits

coordination, SOAR assistance, job training, tutoring, money management instruction, nutrition, and transportation, as well as physical and behavioral health care, through case management, peer support, individual therapy, psychiatric services, and health care coordination. All supportive services are available but not required, in alignment with the Housing First model.

### **11. Operations Home Ready II- The Lord's Place**

#### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Project / Scattered Site Locations**

Operation Home Ready II is a Housing First permanent supportive housing program that serves 9 chronically homeless individuals with disabilities, including severe mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders. The program provides housing to clients at scattered-site one-bedroom apartments located throughout the community. As a Housing First program, Operation Home Ready II employs policies and procedures that have removed all barriers to housing. Participation in services and sobriety are not used as criteria to deny access or to terminate housing. The program incorporates evidence-based practices such as Motivational Interviewing and Harm Reduction to encourage clients to address obstacles to stability, helping them to decrease the level of harmful behaviors without the threat of termination. Operation Home Ready II offers numerous supportive services to clients, including assistance with basic needs such as benefits coordination, SOAR assistance, job training, tutoring, money management instruction, nutrition, and transportation, as well as physical and behavioral health care, through case management, peer support, individual therapy, psychiatric services, and health care coordination. All supportive services are available but not required, in alignment with the Housing First model.

### **12. Operation Home Ready III - The Lord's Place**

#### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Project/Scattered Site Locations**

Operation Home Ready III is a Housing First permanent supportive housing program that serves 15 chronically homeless individuals with disabilities, including severe mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders. The program provides housing to clients at scattered-site one-bedroom apartments located throughout the community. As a Housing First program, Operation Home Ready III employs policies and procedures that have removed all barriers to housing. Participation in services and sobriety are not used as criteria to deny access or to terminate housing. The program incorporates evidence-based practices such as Motivational Interviewing and Harm Reduction to encourage clients to address obstacles to stability, helping them to decrease the level of harmful behaviors without the threat of termination. Operation Home Ready III offers numerous supportive services to clients, including assistance with basic needs such as benefits coordination, SOAR assistance, job training, tutoring, money management instruction, nutrition, and transportation, as well as physical and behavioral health care, through case management, peer support, individual therapy, psychiatric services, and health care coordination. All supportive services are available but not required, in alignment with the Housing First model.

### **13. Project Home – The Lord's Place**

#### **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing Project/Scattered Site Locations**

Home First is a Housing First scattered-site permanent supportive housing program that serves 15 chronically homeless adults with disabilities who have been identified through the Continuum of Care's coordinated assessment process, in consultation with the Palm Beach County Frequent Utilizer System Engagement (FUSE) Initiative. The project targets chronically homeless individuals with high rates of criminal justice contact, homeless service utilization, and admission to detox and crisis stabilization services. Home First provides housing to clients at scattered-site one-bedroom apartments located throughout the community. As a Housing First program, Home First employs policies and procedures that have removed all barriers to housing. Participation in services and sobriety are not used as criteria to deny access to or terminate housing. The program incorporates evidence-based practices such as Harm Reduction and Motivational Interviewing to encourage clients to address obstacles to stability, helping them to decrease the level of harmful behaviors without the threat of termination. Home First offers comprehensive supportive services, including assistance with basic needs such as benefits coordination, SOAR assistance, job training, tutoring, money management instruction, nutrition, and transportation, as well as physical and behavioral health care, through case management, peer support, individual therapy, psychiatric services, and health care coordination. All supportive services are available but not required, in alignment with the Housing First model.

#### **14. Planning Grant/Collaborative Application – Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners**

Since January 2006, at the request of the community, DHS assumed the role of Lead Agency and began Strategic Planning and Homeless Service coordination. DHS has served in the role of the Collaborative Applicant by participating in HUD training for Lead Agencies as well as annually monitoring all HUD funded projects to ensure grant compliance related to program requirements, performance outcomes, and fiscal accountability. DHS has provided one-on-one technical assistance to agencies experiencing difficulties in becoming grant compliant, arranged for training related to financial accountability and program compliance and secured technical assistance related to building the capacity of the CoC for all members. The Division worked with the CoC to develop governance documents including by-laws and related committee structure, memorandums of understanding along with developing key oversight committees. The Collaborative Application will formalize the amount stated duties and responsibilities.

#### **15. DV Safe house II Rapid Re-Housing Project-YWCA**

##### **Rapid Re-Housing Reallocation**

The YWCA Domestic Violence Rapid Re-Housing proposes to serve 54 homeless families who are victims of domestic violence with deposit/rental assistance and case management.

The project will provide limited (short-term or medium-term) rental assistance, rental deposits, utility deposits and case management. There are two staff serving as housing specialists to assist homeless victims of domestic violence to obtain and remain in their own scattered-site apartments and link them to services that will help promote long-term housing stability and prevent future violent relationships. Case management is provided as needed with bi-weekly visits to their apartment.

Assisted victims will have to meet HUD's definition of "homeless under the HEARTH Act as well as be a victim of domestic violence with an act of violence occurring within the previous two-three months. Referrals will come from the two State certified emergency domestic violence shelters. Due to the statutory legal obligations of confidentiality, victims will not be expected to go through the COC's coordinated assessment system however referrals may come from the COC's Coordinated System. The program is designed to assist victims of domestic violence develop housing stability, maintain their current income or increase income through employment and mainstream benefits, and become self-sufficient and free from abuse.

Deposit/Rental assistance will be administered by the YWCA of Palm Beach County Rapid Re-housing staff and are certified domestic violence victim advocates. The project will serve victims of domestic violence by requiring qualifying victims to pay a portion of deposits and/or rent when applicable and by serving additional households when actual rents are below FMR.

In addition to rental assistance, supportive services are intended to assist victims attain and maintain housing permanence and stability. The YWCA will provide a Housing Specialist and a Case Manager who will:

1. Complete an in-depth assessment and develop a service plan
2. Meet with participants as needed and provide bi-weekly visits in their apartment or program office to provide case management, continuous safety planning, information and referrals, and assessment of progress toward goals established in the service plan focused on independent self-sufficient living.
3. Provide assistance to participants through established partnerships to help them maintain, obtain, and increase employment income and other income to help them maintain housing stability.
4. Provide or link participants with any needed life skills training such as budgeting, parenting, etc. and any other needed services that will promote housing stability.

#### **16. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - Division of Human and Veteran Service**

### **Provide Data on the Extent and Nature of Homelessness**

The first goal is to inform public policy makers about the extent and nature of the homeless population in Palm Beach County, Florida. This is accomplished through analysis of homeless client and service provider data. CMIS is capable of producing an unduplicated count of those accessing services, service trends, bed utilization rates, bed coverage rates, service volume, coverage rates, unmet needs, recidivism rates, and CMIS system usage. All data is provided in an aggregated (void of any identifying client level information) format and made available to public policy makers, service providers, advocates, and consumer representatives. Data may also be used to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of Member Agency programs.

- Improve the level of service to clients by reducing duplication of information and focusing on referrals
- and contacts with appropriate agencies.
- Maximize agency resources by increasing communication among the staff of Member Agencies by
- broadening knowledge of available community resources.
- Provide quality data for planning information related to community needs, service gaps, outcome
- Measures and service utilization.
- Provide longitudinal data to allow for easy construction of accurate reports, to assess the trends, needs
- and services of Palm Beach County clients.
- Conform to all HUD requirements, policies and regulations.
- Conform to all applicable state and local government requirements.

## **List of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)**

- 1. Gulfstream Goodwill- Youth Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Project**
- 2. Gulfstream Goodwill- Youth Permanent Supportive Housing Project**
- 3. Adopt-A-Family- Youth Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Project**
- 4. Adopt-A-Family- Youth Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Project**
- 5. Vita Nova- Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH) Project**
- 6. Vita Nova- Diversion Project**

### **Gulfstream Goodwill Inc.- Youth Rapid ReHousing (RRH)**

GGI's Youth Rapid Re-Housing Program (YRRH) will utilize housing first principles and have a low barrier admission policy. Youth are identified as eligible by the Coordinated Entry System (CES). Youth are ages 18 to 24 (with or without a disability), have a TAY VI-SPDAT score of 4 to 7 and have met HUD's definition of Category 1 Homelessness defined as; individuals and families who live in a place not meant for human habitation (including the streets or in their car), emergency shelter, transitional housing, and hotels paid for by a government or charitable organization. GGI's Youth RRH program will focus on the USICH's Four Core Outcomes (United States Interagency Council on Homelessness), by providing permanent stable housing that allows young people to develop permanent connections to families, schools, communities, and increase their connection to positive social networks; connect youth to educational and employment opportunities, and increase social-emotional well-being.

Youth RRH best practices indicate youth fare better when connected to additional supports. Support services will assist youth to maintain housing, improving positive behaviors and well-being, and improved problem-solving. We will partner with Vita Nova and Career Source for additional employment support programming.

### **Gulfstream Goodwill Inc.- Youth Permanent Supportive (PSH)**

GGI's Youth Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSH) will utilize housing first principles and have a low barrier admission policy. The program is for youth who are identified by the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and present with a disability, such as: mental illness, physical disability, chronic illness, and/or substance abuse, with a score of 8 or above on the TAY VISPDAT assessment, indicating need for housing with no time limit. GGI's Youth PSH program will focus on the USICH's Four Core Outcomes (United States Interagency Council on Homelessness), by providing permanent stable housing that allows young people to develop permanent connections to families, schools, communities, and increase their connection to positive social networks; connect youth to educational and employment opportunities; and increase social emotional well-being. As outlined by the COC HHA (Continuum of Care, Homeless and Housing Alliance) PSH Standards and Policies, staff will provide intensive support and assertive case management services by a Master Level Social worker. The staff will utilize positive youth development principles that have been shown to increase a youth's protective factors and decrease risky behaviors, and develop an increased rate of successful transition into adulthood, improve social and emotional

outcomes, and develop an increased likelihood of contributions to their communities.

PSH best practices for youth indicate youth fare better when connected to additional supports. Support services will assist youth to maintain housing, improving positive behaviors and well-being, and improved problem solving. We will partner with Vita Nova and Career Source for additional employment support programming. Additionally, for those youth with untreated behavioral health needs, the MSW will assist them to connect with psychiatric care within the GGI program with the aim of transitioning them to services in the community. GGI has developed a collaborative agreement with Adopt-A-Family (AAF). This collaboration is to ensure that youth do not return to homelessness if their family structure changes during their program participation. Youth who become parents and youth who lose custody of their children will be able to be transferred between programs.

#### **Adopt A Family- Youth Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**

Adopt A Family's AAF PSH NOFO Youth permanent supportive housing (PSH) program for pregnant & parenting youth proposes to serve a minimum of 11 homeless families whose head of household is under the age of 25 with severe barriers & a history of homelessness. This will include a minimum of 44 beds in two-bedroom units in PBC. Families will be referred through PBC CoC's Coordinated Entry, which prioritizes placement into PSH projects. AAF PSH NOFO Youth will provide PSH using a Housing First approach with supportive services to youth with a long-continuing disability. Families will work with a Family Advocate (FA), be rapidly housed, & receive assistance as needed to services including access to a Housing Specialist, utility & rental deposit, rental subsidies, & additional supportive services to obtain & remain in stable housing. Families must pay rent in accordance with HUD regulations. Participation in supportive services is client-driven & not a cause for termination. FA's will provide guidance for the youth to build healthy connections with family & friends as well as achieve educational, employment, & health-related goals. Staff use Trauma Informed Care & Positive Youth Development in their interactions with homeless youth. AAF has broad experience coordinating services with Child Net, School District of Palm Beach County, as well as other community agencies whose services target homeless youth ages 18-24. AAF adheres to all Fair Housing & Civil Rights requirements ensuring equal access to AAF housing programs & aiding in positive outcomes for all those experiencing homelessness. Based on AAF's experience, the desired outcomes for the project are as follows: 1. Decrease length of time youth are literally homeless; 2. 50% percent of participants will increase income; 3. Families will increase access to mainstream resources & other community benefits; 4. 70% of families will remain in or exit to PH. This includes

#### **Adopt A Family- Youth Rapid ReHousing (RRH)**

Adopt-A-Family's (AAF) RRH NOFO Youth project proposes to serve a minimum of 12 homeless families with heads of household ages 18-24 with or without a disability with Rapid Re-Housing assistance (RRH). Eligible families will be rapidly housed using the Housing First model. Based on need, families will receive assistance such as access to a Housing Specialist; utility & rental deposit; short, medium, & long-term decreasing rental subsidies (or flat subsidies in unique situations) for up to 24 months; & supportive services to obtain & remain in housing. AAF has found a declining subsidy prepares families for independence through guidance on budgeting & increasing their income and/or decreasing optional spending. In special cases, families requiring assistance past the allotted 24 months, & up to 36 months, may be assisted through other AAF funding options including HOME TBRA & Ad Valorem. AAF Family Advocates (FA) will focus on helping youth connect with community-based services & supports to assist in housing stability. Participation in services is client-driven & not cause for termination. FA's will provide guidance for the youth to build healthy connections with supportive family & friends as well as achieve educational, employment, & health-related goals. AAF utilizes Trauma Informed Care & Positive Youth Development in their interactions with homeless youth. AAF has broad experience coordinating services with Child Net, School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), & other community agencies targeting



youth ages 18-24. AAF adheres to all Fair Housing & Civil Rights requirements ensuring equal access to AAF housing programs & aiding in positive outcomes for all those experiencing homelessness. Based on AAF's experience with this target population, outcomes are as follows: 1. Decrease length of time youth are literally homeless; 2. 50% of families will increase income; 3. Families will increase access to mainstream resources & other community-based benefits; and 4. 70% of families will exit to permanent housing. This includes remaining in the unit obtained through the RRH program once services end.

### **Vita Nova- Youth Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH) Project**

Vita Nova aims to provide crisis stabilization utilizing a Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing model(TH-RRH) for youth age ages 18-24, homeless or at-risk of homelessness, by providing above all, a safe, stable, and immediate secure home to live in Palm Beach County. Vita Nova has identified youth transitioning from foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, unaccompanied homeless students and other vulnerable youth experiencing homelessness reach a crossroads where their capacity plateaus, they face challenges, and are in need of focused case management support and guidance. The needs of homeless youth range from basic needs (food, hygiene, clothing) to addressing trauma (including human trafficking, violence), and securing resources to address unresolved physical health/mental health, unemployment and lack of school completion to name a few.

One of the strengths of Vita Nova's TH-RRH program is that it is not plagued with a long intake process, or preconditions nor eligibility criteria that just prolong the problem of homelessness for young youth who are willing to start working towards a brighter future. Vita Nova's approach incorporates a positive youth development framework that guides our VNI culture. VNI believes in the importance of youth building a sense of competency, usefulness, belonging, and power. There are youth that could benefit from a housing program that provides wraparound supports to address immediate needs and complex trauma prior to moving on to permanent housing through Rapid Rehousing. Vita Nova's TH-RRH program will be time self -directed where the youth may remain for up to 24 months in TH and up to 24 months in Rapid Rehousing. On an annual basis Vita Nova will serve a minimum of 42 youth. 34 youth will participate in Transitional Housing in ten scattered site leased homes (units) where Vita Nova will hold the master lease, to be located in Palm Beach County. An additional four, 2 -bedroom units will be available for 8 youth transitioning prior to 24 months to Rapid Rehousing. Vita Nova will assist the 8 youth with apartment identification and search and coordination of resources to cover move- in costs.

### **Vita Nova- Youth Diversion**

Vita Nova Inc. (VNI) will provide Youth 18-24 Diversion Services to specifically reduce the number of youth entering shelter services, decrease youth entering homelessness, reduce the length of time youth are homeless, and to provide supports to stabilize youth with their current family and/or supportive adult. Through the use of outreach services, and our drop in center, the Spot, Vita Nova will provide diversion intake and assessment services to 300 youth. Vita Nova has provided transitional housing services to former foster youth and youth experiencing homelessness for over twelve years. Vita Nova incorporates strength based case management services to support the needs of youth living independently through Rapid Rehousing and the state's Independent Living Services program. Two years ago, Vita Nova opened Palm Beach County's first drop in center for homeless youth. Since then, Vita Nova's wraparound services has been aimed at providing diversion and prevention services to the most vulnerable youth. Vita Nova has utilized the Spot drop in center as a strategy to prevent homelessness at the front door of the homelessness response system. Diversion assessment services will lead to community referrals, connection to partner agencies and in some cases financial support of one-time rental assistance to prevent homelessness related to nonpayment of rent or inability to meet rental move in requirement. Additional supportive services will include financial assistance in the way of utility deposits, utility arrears, travelers aid to return back to family, crisis based emergency hotel stay, transportation assistance, and

employment supports to sustain or secure employment. Of the 300 youth assessed, Vita Nova is prepared to provide immediate intense support to 60 youth with critical needs. Vita Nova will partner with youth, their family or the person the youth has identified as a support, which many times is the youth's chosen family, to create a Diversion Support Plan. The Diversion Support Plan will help youth strengthen their current housing, or identify immediate alternative housing arrangements, and if necessary, will provide up to \$200 in financial assistance per month, for up 90 days, to assist the youth from not entering into shelter services or remaining homeless.