

Background and Justification: In providing for human service needs, Palm Beach County augments its own service mix through the provision of funding for programming and services delivered by community-based agencies. The FAA Program was established in the early 1980s to overcome the adverse impact of reduced federal funding. It is now an important component of the federal, state, and local funding sources that support the County's system of care. The Board of County Commissioners has directed staff to pursue data-driven, evidence-based programming and outcome measures that ensure effective changes in the lives of those in our community. Funded organizations are monitored by the Community Services Department to maintain programmatic and fiscal accountability. Agreements include the following safeguards to protect the County: insurance coverage is mandatory, funds are paid out on a unit cost basis, and funds cannot be used to initiate or to pursue litigation against the County.