

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 18, 2023 ☐ Consent ☒ Regular
 ☐ Ordinance ☐ Public Hearing

Department: Community Services Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: a Community Services Department presentation.

Summary: Community Services staff will present an overview of the Department’s mission to promote independence and enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by providing effective and essential services to residents in need. The Department focuses on a variety of initiatives including support for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, individuals with disabilities, seniors, veterans, farmworkers, individuals living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus, and individuals experiencing poverty. Community Services provides funding support for agencies and direct services to residents in need. Some of the services include shelter support for the homeless, rental and utility assistance, workforce development and job placement programs, behavioral health and substance use disorder recovery support, and case management services that promote financial independence, stability, and improved quality of life for more than 60,000 residents who are served annually. (Community Services Department) Countywide (HH)

Background and Policy Issues: Community Services Department provides funding and direct services to vulnerable residents as defined by the County’s Health and Human Services Element. In 1989, Palm Beach County created an optional Health and Human Services Element as a part of the County’s Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the Health and Human Services Element is to assist in the development of an infrastructure to ensure the availability of health and human services sufficient to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Palm Beach County residents. The Element identifies the County’s role in funding, providing, and/or supporting the delivery of health and human services; it also defines the County’s relationship with other funders and providers of services for the purpose of maximizing the resources and benefits available to Palm Beach County residents. The Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC) was established in 1990, to assist the Board of County Commissioners with operationalizing the Element and to help maintain the County’s health and human services safety net. The Department works with the CAC to ensure a safety net for the County’s most vulnerable residents. Community Services Department has a strategic focus on Economic Stability/Mobility, Housing & Homelessness, and Substance Use & Behavioral Health which is aligned with the Element and the Board of County Commissioners’ Strategic Priorities.

Recommended by: Taruna Malhotra 4/13/2023
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Approved By: [Signature] 4/14/2023
 Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenue					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					
No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

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

Budget Account No.:
Fund Dept Unit Object Program Code Program Period

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

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

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Julie Dowe
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Julie Dowe, Director of Finance and Support SVCS

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

ASD
OFMB GA
MG 4/14

4/14/23

Contract Development and Control

4/14/23

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Helene C. Boyd

4/14/23

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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