PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 11, 2023 [X] Consent [] Regular
[] Ordinance [] Public Hearing

Department: Community Services
Submitted For: Community Services

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a Contract for Provision of Services with Florida State University Research Foundation, Inc. (FSURF), for the period July 11, 2023 through September 30, 2025, in an amount totaling \$75,000, of which \$25,000 is budgeted in FY 2023, with an anticipated annual allocation of \$25,000 in each subsequent fiscal year, contingent upon a budgetary appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), for the term of this agreement, for the provision of holistic crisis mitigation services for at-risk individuals and families.

Summary: FSURF will collaborate with The Lord's Place, Inc. (TLP), Adopt-A-Family, Inc. (AAF), and Center for Child Counseling, Inc. (CCC) to develop and implement an integrated and holistic health risk assessment to connect clients to urgent community services to prevent a family health crisis. This project integrates holistic risk assessment into TLP and AAF programs, where homeless and Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) families are provided with social services, but lack access to integrated and holistic care coordination that offers high-quality care to prevent transgenerational health disparities. The interprofessional integrated team will provide virtual holistic risk assessment and care coordination and services. Further, it will reach into the community to connect families with long-term community health providers for ongoing treatment. The holistic early screening and care coordination management will build trust, better health, and authentic community partnerships. The project is designed to increase early screening for social, physical, and behavioral risk for recently homeless and ALICE families through partnerships and outreach, increase access to quality integrated and holistic care coordination and services for at-risk families identified, integrate a holistic model of care among three (3) community partners, and provide a multi-level evaluation to enhance and replicate this integrated and holistic model of community care. The team will be composed of a holistic care coordinator (HCC) hired by TLP, a mental health therapist (MHT) from CCC, personnel from AAF, advanced practice nurse students, and Florida State University professors. These community partners and academician team have more than ten years of collaboration. This project considers and evaluates the mind, body, and environment intersectionality to identify and mediate risk for a crisis, chronic health conditions, parental stress, and adverse childhood experiences of recently homeless and ALICE families. (Financially Assisted Agencies) Countywide (HH)

Background and Justification: This project will target recently homeless and ALICE families (at risk for homelessness) in Palm Beach County (PBC) who are surviving, but not thriving due to a lack of access to quality integrated and holistic health care. Family homelessness in PBC increased by 51% from 2020 to 2023, with 4,477 PBC children experiencing homelessness during the 2022 school year. The average monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Palm Beach County is \$2,383. According to a recent study completed by Florida Atlantic University, average rents in PBC increased by 32% from the previous year. To not be cost-burdened (i.e., pay 30% of income on rent), a single parent making \$11 an hour (well above minimum wage) would have to work multiple full-time jobs to afford the average PBC rent for a two-bedroom apartment. Even with the \$15 an hour minimum wage that will take effect on September 30, 2026, based on current costs, it is estimated that the worker would have to work 2.6 full-time jobs to afford rent. This population faces volatility in health insurance coverage, increased out-of-pocket costs, and shortages of healthcare providers, making it harder to get the urgent health care they need.

Attachments: Contract for Provision of Services

Recommended by:

Department Director

Approved by:

Assistant County Administrator

Department Director

Date

Approved by:

Assistant County Administrator

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2024	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	25,000	25,000	25,000		
External Revenue	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)		
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In-Kind Match (County)					
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