

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 17, 2023

[x] Consent

[] Regular

[] Workshop

[] Public Hearing

Department: Office of Equal Opportunity

Submitted By: Office of Equal Opportunity

Submitted For: Fair Housing Board

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Contracts for the Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant Program with the non-profit agencies listed below, as of the date of approval of the contract by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) through September 30, 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$30,000:

- A. A Contract with Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, Inc. to provide blind and visually impaired people in Palm Beach County with essential education and information about available community resources coupled with guided experience in navigating existing accessible services and facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$5,250;**
- B. A Contract with NAMI Palm Beach County, Inc., to provide funding for unique, one time access to services or resources for individuals living in Palm Beach County. Working with other community mental health providers, the funds fill one-time needs and gaps that reduce access to behavioral health services for individuals who do not have the financial means to access those services or resources, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500; and**
- C. A Contract with Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches, to provide funding to present sensitivity and public awareness programs to increase the public awareness as to the rights and abilities of persons with disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.**

Summary: On July 2, 2019, the BCC adopted Ordinance 2019-027 which included a provision for the Fair Housing Board to review proposals and make recommendations on the award of the programs budgeted grant funds. Through a competitive application process, the Fair Housing Board reviewed responsive proposals submitted by non-profit agencies in conformance with the ordinance and established program guidelines to support the recommendation to fund the agencies listed above. Funding for the program was approved in the FY 2024 budget. Countywide (JW)

Background and Justification: On July 2, 2019, the BCC adopted Ordinance 2019-027 which included a provision for the Fair Housing Board to review proposals and make recommendations on the award of grant funds. The Fair Housing Board and the Office of Equal Opportunity concur on the recommendations and funding amounts.

Attachments:

1. Contracts (w/Exhibits "A" and Certificates of Insurance)

Recommended by:

Department Director

Date

5 October 2023.

Approved by:

Assistant County Administrator

Date

10/6/2023

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

| Fiscal Years | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Capital Expenditures | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating Costs | <u>30,000</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| External Revenues | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Program Income (County) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| In-Kind Match (County) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| NET FISCAL IMPACT | <u>30,000</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

ADDITIONAL FTE
POSITIONS (Cumulative) 0 0 0 0 0

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes x No _____
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes _____ No x

Budget Account No.: Fund 0001 Agency 400 Org 4251 Object 8201

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

The Office of Equal Opportunity's Handicapped Program has an annual cost of \$125,725 for FY2024. These costs are \$75,710 for salary and benefits for one staff person, \$20,015 for operating expenses and distribution of \$30,000 to community organizations by the Fair Housing Board through the Office of Equal Opportunity.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

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

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| <p><u><i>Laura Martin</i></u> 9/20/2023 OFMB</p> | <p><i>Edw</i> 9-20-23</p> | <p><u><i>Ar. J. Jaworski</i></u> 10/5/23 Contract Dev. and Control</p> |
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Jean-Adel Williams
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.