

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 8, 2025

[] Consent

[X] Regular

[] Ordinance

[] Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Youth Services Department

Submitted For: Outreach & Community Programming Division

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to conceptually approve: allocations for Community Based Agency (CBA) funding in the Action Areas of Health and Wellness Supports, Ensuring Safety & Justice, and Skills for Learning and Life for the period October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028, in an estimated total amount of \$3,139,703, annually:

Proposer	Program/Project	Annual Amount
Action Area: Health and Wellness Supports		
Center for Child Counseling, Inc.	Education and Prevention Services	\$226,085
Center for Child Counseling, Inc.	Pediatric Integration Program	\$193,349
Compass, Inc.	Youth Mental Health Program	\$222,445
Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services, Inc.	Affordable Mental Health Program	\$113,133
Community Child Care Center of Delray Beach, Inc. d/b/a Achievement Centers for Children and Families	Wellness Achievers	\$219,975
Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc.	Mind-Body Wellness Program	\$102,776
Children's Case Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a Families First of Palm Beach County	The PARED program	\$90,982
For the Children, Inc.	Healthy Families Healthy Kids (HFHK)	\$127,534
Elizabeth H. Faulk Foundation, Inc.	C.A.R.E. (Child and Adolescent Resilience and Empowerment)	\$71,414
Caridad Center, Inc.	Young Magnolias	\$71,414
Milagro Foundation, Inc.	Feeling Fit Program	\$80,264
Housing Partnership, Inc.	Child and Family Mental Health Services Groups	\$62,866
Action Area: Ensuring Safety & Justice		
Center for Child Counseling, Inc.	Safe Youth, Safe Communities	\$102,945
Community Child Care Center of Delray Beach, Inc. d/b/a Achievement Centers for Children and Families	Teen Achievers	\$117,543
Children of Inmates, Inc.	Boyz to Men/Girlz to Women	\$66,996
Children's Case Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a Families First of Palm Beach County	Y.E.S. Program (Youth, Empowered, Secure)	\$89,671
Communities in Schools of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Charting for Success	\$52,949
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc.	Commit to Change	\$260,000
Choice to Change, Inc.	Believe & Achieve	\$73,704
For the Children, Inc.	Youth Community Wellness (YCW)	\$174,483
Action Area: Skills for Learning and Life		
Children's Case Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a Families First of Palm Beach County	Kin Support Program	\$22,925
Milagro Foundation, Inc.	Project COPE (Creative Opportunities for Personal Empowerment)	\$33,100
Compass, Inc.	Youth and Family Services	\$83,953
Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Skills for Lifelong Success	\$34,112
The Children's Home Society of Florida	College and Career Pathways	\$70,031
City of Greenacres	Teen OST Programs	\$31,999
Housing Partnership, Inc.	Mentoring at Lake Worth	\$19,860
Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc.	Strong Kids Today for a Better Tomorrow	\$84,147
Housing Partnership, Inc.	Mentoring at Pahokee	\$19,860
The Arc of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Recreation Program	\$114,238
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Inc.	Youth Mentoring: Igniting Potential	\$27,779
Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, Inc.	Troop Transcend	\$46,057
Elizabeth H. Faulk Foundation, Inc.	SOAR: Strengthening Our Attitudes & Resilience	\$31,114
Total		\$3,139,703


Summary: On February 24, 2025, the Youth Services Department (YSD) issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for CBA funding for three (3) years, beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

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Attachments:

1. Proposal Descriptions and Recommended Allocations for FY 2026-2028
2. Highlights and Recommendations Summary


Recommended by:



6/4/25

Department DirectorDate

Approved by:



6/12/25

Assistant County AdministratorDate

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	\$0	\$3,139,703	\$3,139,703	\$3,139,703	\$0
External Revenue					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$0	*\$3,139,703	*\$3,139,703	*\$3,139,703	\$0
No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget?	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Does this item include the use of federal funds?	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u> X </u>
Is this item using State Funds	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u> X </u>

Budget Account	Exp No:						
Fund	0001	Dept	various	Unit	various	Obj	various
Rev No:							
Fund		Dept		Unit		Obj	

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

*There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of these funding recommendations. Upon successful contract negotiations, agency contracts will be brought back to the Board for approval. If approved by the BCC, the fiscal impact associated with these agency contracts will be funded by FY26 proposed ad valorem.

Departmental Fiscal Review: Michelle Dene

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

ASDC 6/5/25
OFMB
MOG/4 CAG/4

Brenda M. M. 6/5/25
Contract Development & Control 26 6/5/25

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Debra C. Dwyer 6-9-25
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

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Summary (cont'd): Proposals were accepted for three (3) action areas identified as priorities in the Youth Master Plan (YMP): Health and Wellness Supports, Ensuring Safety & Justice, and Skills for Learning and Life. Final contracts with each Agency approved will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) after contract negotiations are complete. An annual report is submitted to the BCC regarding the CBAs services and achievement of their performance measurements. Countywide (HH)

Background and Policy Issues: In February 2025, the Youth Master Plan 2.0 (YMP 2.0) was released as an update to the original "Strengthening the Steps to Success" Youth Master Plan for Palm Beach County. For FY2026, three (3) Action Areas were selected for funding pursuant to the NOFO. The Health & Wellness Supports Action Area ensures access to healthy foods and exercise options, and addresses youth physical and mental health risks/barriers. The Ensuring Safety & Justice Action Area provides intervention and alternatives to crime, strengthens prevention efforts to deter entry into the delinquency system, and promotes healthy relationships, respect, communication, and conflict resolution in family and social interactions. The Skills for Learning and Life Action Area strengthens life skills that build confidence and resilience and enables youth to overcome challenges through quality out-of-school time (OST) programs. To further consolidate BCC funding for youth-serving programs, \$805,153 was transferred from the Community Services Department to YSD's CBA program budget, beginning October 1, 2025. This funding was included in this NOFO cycle.

A total of 48 proposals were received. Four (4) proposals were deemed non-responsive: Alphastar Academic Enrichment, Inc.; GBDC Entrepreneurship Institute, Inc.; The Fund for West Palm Beach Police, Inc.; and Young Men of Distinction, Inc.

Proposals meeting minimum requirements were reviewed by a separate Review Panel for each Action Area, consisting of community and subject-matter experts. The Review Panels scored the proposals based on the following criteria: Description of Need, Local Data, Approach and Design, Evaluation Methods, Performance History, Available Resources and Sustainability, and Budget. The Review Panels also ranked proposals based on the priority and criticality of the services in the community. The YSD Director made the final recommendations utilizing each Review Panel's scoring and ranking, the organization's prior program performance, the county's current service array and community needs, and review of budget needs and available resources.

A protest process was included with this NOFO. Three (3) protests were filed by Florida Mentoring Network d/b/a Xcel Mentoring Network, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, and Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc., regarding various concerns related to the awarded amount. All protests were denied.

There are 33 proposals recommended for funding. The following 11 organizations' responsive proposals were not recommended for funding:

Under Health and Wellness Supports, the organizations are Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc., Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, and Lutheran Services Florida.

For Ensuring Safety and Justice, the organizations include Gulfstream Goodwill Industries and The Children's Place at Home Safe.

In the area of Skills for Learning and Life, the organizations are Connect to Greatness, Inc., Florida Mentoring Network d/b/a Xcel Mentoring Network, Nicholas and Christen Thompson Foundation, Inc., NorthStar Academies, Inc., The Path to College Foundation, and The Talented Teen Club, Inc.



NOFO CBA FY2026
Proposal Descriptions and Allocations for FY2026

AGENCY INFO.					PROPOSAL DETAILS								REVIEW PANEL			
APPLICATION ID	PROPOSER	ACTION AREA	BCC STRATEGIC PRIORITY	STATUS	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	% FUNDED	AMOUNT REQUESTED	BRIEF SCOPE/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	# TO BE SERVED	TARGET POPULATION	GEOGRAPHIC AREA/COMMISSION DISTRICT	OCP COMMENTS	AVG. SCORES	PRIORITY RANKING	ADD'L POINTS	FINAL SCORES
NOFO-2026-006	Caridad Center	Health & Wellness Supports	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 71,414.00	75%	\$ 95,200.00	Young Magnolias: program serves low-income youth aged 13 to 17, helping them navigate challenges like childhood trauma, cultural adaptation, and language barriers. The program fosters emotional wellness and personal growth through social-emotional education, family engagement, care coordination, and culturally sensitive supports. Young Magnolias enhances resilience and dignity, empowering participants to thrive in alignment with the strength symbolized by the magnolia flower.	Youth - 25 Parents/Caregivers - 40	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	{Districts 3, 7}	NEW	82.5	# 9	7	89.5
NOFO-2026-012	Center for Child Counseling, Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 226,085.00	75%	\$ 301,426.22	Education and Prevention Services: Building hope and resilience for the future means creating a community where ALL youth feel SAFE and CONNECTED. Through a public health approach, Center for Child Counseling's Education and Prevention Services integrates prevention, early intervention, and mental health support using a data-driven strategy to identify real-time needs and track impact. Through a robust array of services, including psychoeducational groups, mental health consultation, and trauma-informed care, CFCC empowers youth, families, and communities—particularly those facing significant adversity—to build positive relationships, resilience, and well-being.	Youth - 450	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22	{Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}	Years Funded 6, R2022-1141 - Education and Prevention Services, 4 out of 4 outcomes were met. Outcomes are based on FY 2024. Agency served an additional 9 youth.	97	# 3	13	110.0
NOFO-2026-013	Center for Child Counseling, Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 193,349.00	75%	\$ 257,778.00	Pediatric Integration Program: bridges the gap between mental and physical health by embedding trauma-informed mental health services, prevention education, and early intervention within pediatric practices across Palm Beach County. Through strategic partnerships with Palm Beach Pediatrics, Jupiter Pediatric Associates, and the Palm Beach Pediatric Society, the program strengthens the capacity of pediatricians and healthcare providers to identify, prevent, and address childhood trauma and mental health concerns using a public health and HOPE-informed approach. By integrating behavioral health into primary care, providing evidence-based training, and utilizing CFCC's Data Dashboard for real-time impact tracking, this program ensures that children and families receive timely, comprehensive support to foster resilience, well-being, and positive childhood experiences.	Youth - 250 Parents/ Caregivers - 300	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22, Parents	{Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}	Years Funded 6, R2022-1141 - Education and Prevention Services, 4 out of 4 outcomes were met. Outcomes are based on FY 2024. Agency served an additional 9 youth.	92.5	# 2	14	106.5
NOFO-2026-033	Children's Case Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a Families First of Palm Beach County	Health & Wellness Supports	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 90,982.00	75%	\$ 121,290.00	The PARED program: provides comprehensive mental health services and support to youth aged 5-22 and their families, focusing on delivering care outside of traditional school settings. The program promotes healthy coping skills, encourages engagement in beneficial activities, and aims to reduce mental health symptoms through individualized and family-driven services. By prioritizing accessible and trauma-informed care, PARED seeks to address the unmet mental health needs of youth in Palm Beach County.	Youth - 50	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22	{Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}	The proposed program was funded previously through Community Services Department under Financially Assisted Agencies. YSD funds Contract R2022-1145 Y.E.S.: Youth Empowered and Secure under Ensure Safety & Justice.	87.5	# 7	9	96.5
NOFO-2026-038	Community Child Care Center of Delray Beach, Inc. d/b/a Achievement Centers for Children and Families	Health & Wellness Supports	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 219,975.00	75%	\$ 293,280.00	Wellness Achievers: is a comprehensive health and wellness program serving 450 elementary-aged children (K-5) and their families in under-resourced communities of Palm Beach County. The program focuses on improving physical, mental, and behavioral health through evidence-based curriculum, social-emotional wellness groups, nutrition, and structured indoor and outdoor physical activities. By fostering emotional resilience, healthy habits, and strong peer connections, Wellness Achievers supports the overall well-being of each child.	Youth - 450	Elementary Age Youth	{District 7}	Years Funded 6, Contract#: R2022-1153 - ACCF's OST Programs (10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025) 3 out of 4 outcomes were met. Agency under-served by 30 clients and overserved parents by 22. Contract#: R2022-1148 - Mentees of the Future (10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025) 4 out of 4 outcomes were met. Outcomes are based on FY 2024. Agency served an additional 9 youth	90.00	# 5	11	101

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NOFO-2026-042	Compass, Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 222,445.00	75%	\$ 296,573.84	Youth Mental Health Program: Mental health services are essential to the health and success of youth and young adults who experience disproportionately high rates of suicidal ideation, bullying, anxiety, depression, isolation, and school absenteeism due to safety concerns that are out of their control. These youth in Palm Beach County face significant barriers to accessing culturally competent mental health care, leaving many to struggle without the support they need. Our proposed program will serve 100 clients annually by providing culturally competent, affirming individual therapy at no cost for youth and young adults ages 10-22 across Palm Beach County.	Youth - 100	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	Years Funded 6, R2022-1154 Compass Youth and Family Services (10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025) 2 of 2 outcomes were met, R2022-1140 - Compass Mental Health Program (10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025) 3 out of 3 outcomes were met. Agency served an additional 7 clients.	91.00	# 1	15	106.0
NOFO-2026-041	Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 205,900.00	Thrive340: Connections' Health, Wellness, and Aquatics Program is an innovative program that supports students with autism, ages 3-22, by teaching water safety, swimming, and fitness skills using specialized, evidence-based instructional techniques. The program's nutrition component promotes healthy eating habits by increasing nutrition and meal preparation knowledge, expanding the variety of accepted healthy foods, and improving access to fresh options. This comprehensive approach helps combat obesity and related health risks, encourages family engagement in wellness activities, and addresses the critical need to reduce drowning—the leading cause of death among individuals with autism.	Youth - 110 Parents/Caregivers - 20	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22, Other	(Districts 2)	Years Funded 6, R2022-1142, 3 OF 3 OUTCOMES WERE MET. Outcomes are based on FY 2024. Agency served an additional 21 clients and an additional 85 parents.	81.50	# 13	3	84.5
NOFO-2026-010	Elizabeth H. Faulk Foundation, Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 71,414.00	75%	\$ 95,200.00	C.A.R.E. (Child and Adolescent Resilience and Empowerment): For over 50 years, the Faulk Center has provided high-quality, evidence-based, low-cost mental health counseling services to children, tweens, teens, and adolescents across Palm Beach County through in-person and telehealth sessions. The requested funding will allow us to offer personalized, culturally and linguistically aligned mental health counseling services to 450 unduplicated, low-income, or underserved youth through the C.A.R.E. (Child and Adolescent Resilience and Empowerment) program over the course of the grant. This program aims to foster mindfulness, enhance self-acceptance, improve communication and problem-solving skills, and strengthen coping skills and connectivity within the community.	Youth - 150	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Parents	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	NEW	86.50	# 10	6	92.5
NOFO-2026-011	Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 102,776.00	75%	\$ 137,016.00	Mind-Body Wellness Program: This program has two main purposes: 1. Ensure all Fuller children are healthy and safe, able to succeed in their learning; and 2. Ensure parents & caregivers are supported and able to focus on their work, equipped to provide stable, loving homes for their children. Grant funded activities include: preventative and developmental health screenings (speech & language, mental & behavioral health, dental, vision & hearing, etc.), referrals, and on-campus therapeutic interventions; youth-led learning activities including the Buddy Ambassadors mindfulness and character-building programs, parent education sessions, and access to an on-campus Wellness Center with massage chairs, sound therapy, and guided meditation through headsets.	Youth - 200 Parents/Caregivers - 100	Elementary Age Youth, Parents, Other	(Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	New program - agency funded for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1155 - 3 of 3 outcomes were met; All outcomes were based on FY 2024. Current contract expires September 30, 2025 for Strong Kids Today for a Better Tomorrow program.	92.00	# 8	8	100.0

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NOFO-2026-002	For the Children Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 127,534.00	75%	\$ 170,025.00	Healthy Families Healthy Kids (HFHK): program provides services and activities designed for families with children ages 3-19 to increase their knowledge of healthy eating habits, reduce stress through mindfulness/meditation techniques, and increase awareness of physical and mental health risks and issues.	Youth - 60 Parents/Caregivers - 50	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Parents	(Districts 3, 7)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract#: R2022-1143 - Healthy Families Healthy Kids - 3 of 3 outcomes were met, All outcomes were based on FY 2024, contract expires September 30, 2025. Contract#: R2023-1341- Youth Empowerment Center 6 of 6 outcomes, all outcomes were based on FY 2024 and contract expires September 30,2026.	81.5	# 4	11	92.5
NOFO-2026-032	Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Unsheltered Residents	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 86,849.00	Youth Behavioral Health Program: will address the behavioral and mental health needs of children experiencing homelessness living with their parents/caregivers at Melissa's Place Homeless Shelter and Transitional Housing Program in the western city of Pahokee, Palm Beach County. The Behavioral Health Specialist will deliver both individual and small-group therapy, focused on supporting emotional regulation, building coping skills, and addressing symptoms of anxiety, depression, grief, and other trauma-related conditions. Services will be tailored to the specific developmental and cultural needs of each child and will be delivered in a consistent, safe, and supportive environment directly within the shelter—eliminating access barriers such as transportation, cost, and availability that often prevent this population from receiving care.	Youth - 50 Parents/Caregivers - 40 Service Organizations - 40	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	New Program - currently agency funded for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1149 - Supervised Release, Current contract expires September 30, 2025. One of three outcomes were met, outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency under-served youth by 13 and served an additional 18 parents.	73	# 14	2	75.0
NOFO-2026-047	Housing Partnership Inc.	Health & Wellness Supports	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 62,866.00	75%	\$ 83,803.00	CFMHS Groups: Many parents and families are reluctant to engage in mental health services due to the stigma and myths regarding mental health services. CFMHS Groups is a 4-week group program that will focus on communication, life skills, emotional growth and family wellness. Groups will be divided based on Elementary, Middle or High School ages and facilitators will utilize non-threatening, interactive activities to engage families and dispel the myths surrounding mental health.	Youth - 100	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	Similar program funded by CSD. Agency currently funded by YSD for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1157 - Mentoring at LWM & PE. Current contract expires September 30, 2025. All outcomes were met except for one, outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency under-served parents by 8.	82.50	# 12	4	86.5
NOFO-2026-036	Lutheran Services Florida	Health & Wellness Supports	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 357,737.00	LSF Health and Wellness Initiative for At-risk Youth: Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) aims to help foster care adolescents live healthier lives and remain out of the juvenile justice system through activities designed to help grow a sense of self, love and belonging. Many of these teens, often through no fault of their own, face challenges that include physical, emotional, behavioral, and psychological or learning disabilities. Most have experienced trauma from an early age, stunting their growth emotionally, cognitively and educationally. LSF serves these youth through counseling, behavioral management, and other therapeutic supports, through Grace Place, a residential shelter comprised of eight residential homes serving up to 40 youth at a time, ages 12-17 years old. The overall goal is to create a sense of normalcy for these youth so they can regain their path to self-sufficiency.	Youth - 80	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(Districts 2, 6)	NEW	68.00	# 15	1	69.0

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NOFO-2026-018	Milagro Foundation, Incorporated	Health & Wellness Support	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 80,264.00	75%	\$ 107,000.00	Feeling Fit Program: provides underserved, academically at-risk 9th to 12th grade students in Southern Palm Beach County with a multifaceted year-round program that aims to improve access to healthy foods and exercise options; address youth physical and mental health risks/barriers and promote opportunities for youth to be involved in their community through quality out-of-school time (OST) programs. This impactful program is designed to comprehensively address and strengthen the tools, resources and knowledge that afford teens with the opportunity to better understand healthy eating habits, participate in engaging and fun exercise activities and learn from inspiring health and wellness sessions. We expect to serve 85 high school students from the most underserved communities in southern Palm Beach County in the first year of this program.	Youth - 85	High School Age Youth	(Districts 4, 7)	New Program - agency currently funded for 6 years. Contract#: R2022-1156 - Touch B.A.S.E. - 3 of 4 outcomes were met; agency underserved by one youth. All outcomes were based on FY 2024, contract expires September 30, 2025. Contract#: R2024-11255- Ambassadors for Higher Education has no past performance to report as of date, contract expires September 30, 2027.	84.00	# 11	5	89.0
NOFO-2026-023	Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services	Health & Wellness Support	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 113,133.00	75%	\$ 150,823.70	JFS Affordable Mental Health Program: is a community-based therapy program providing trauma-informed mental health services for approximately 150 youth from low-income/ALICE level families (under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level) in Boca Raton and Delray Beach. The program offers individual therapy using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), and trauma-informed counseling to help youth manage anxiety, depression, and trauma-related challenges. The program is grounded in evidence-based therapeutic models designed to promote emotional regulation, resilience, and long-term mental well-being.	Youth - 150	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(Districts 4, 5)	NEW	92.5	# 6	10	102.5
NOFO-2026-005	Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 260,000.00	65%	\$ 400,000.00	Commit to Change: A Violence Prevention Initiative, in collaboration with our existing community partners, will address violence-prevention programming among youth ages 14-22 as well as an increased awareness and participation in community leadership. AVDA staff will facilitate AVDA's Commit to Change 9-session curriculum; Men Can Stop Rape's evidence-based, 22-week Men of Strength Club curriculum; and Futures Without Violence's Coaching Boys Into Men and Athletes as Leaders curriculum; and engage youth in developing youth-designed and led community impact projects. AVDA coordinates a Community Action Team to engage community members in preventing domestic and dating violence and solicit feedback on the development and implementation of Commit to Change programming in PBC.	Youth - 400	High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22	(Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1161 - 3 of 3 outcomes were met; All outcomes were based on FY 2024. Current contract expires September 30, 2025 for Commit to Change program.	92	# 6	5	97
NOFO-2026-020	Center for Child Counseling, Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 102,945.00	65%	\$ 158,376.22	Safe Youth, Safe Communities: Building hope and resilience for the future means creating a community where ALL youth feel SAFE and CONNECTED. Using a public health approach, the Center for Child Counseling's (CFCC) Safe Youth, Safe Communities aims to break generational cycles of violence, ACEs, and trauma by addressing the root causes of youth's negative and risky behaviors, violence, and involvement in crime. The program uses a data-to-action strategy to identify real-time needs and track impact. Through a robust array of services, including psychoeducational groups, trauma-informed care education, and therapeutic interventions, CFCC empowers youth, families, and communities—particularly those facing significant adversity—to build positive relationships, resilience, safety, and well-being.	Youth - 250 Parents/Caregivers - 250	Elementary Age Youth, Parents, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	New Program - Agency funded by YSD for 6 years. R2022-1141 - Education and Prevention Services, 4 out of 4 outcomes were met. Outcomes are based on FY 2024. Agency served an additional 9 youth. Current contract expires September 30, 2025.	100	# 1	10	110
NOFO-2026-021	Children of Inmates Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 66,996.00	65%	\$ 103,070.75	Boyz to Men/Girlz to Women: Children with incarcerated parents are a subset of American children at risk and are overlooked both in the criminal justice system and in social service circles. Children of Inmates, Inc.'s Boyz to Men/Girlz to Women program provides holistic services to 50 youth, their caregivers and their incarcerated parent by developing activities that foster positive family engagement, reduce violence, and interrupt intergenerational incarceration.	Youth - 50 Families - 25	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Parents	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1162 - 3 of 3 outcomes were met; Agency served an additional 48 youth, and 17 parents/caregivers. All outcomes were based on FY 2024. Current contract expires	93.67	# 2	9	102.67

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NOFO-2026-025	Children's Case Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a Families First of Palm Beach County	Ensure Safety & Justice	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 89,671.00	65%	\$ 137,955.00	Y.E.S. Program (Youth, Empowered, Secure): proactively intervenes with at-risk youth by providing mental health services and community outreach to prevent negative behaviors. Therapists offer tailored support within various settings, ensuring accessibility and early engagement. The program measures success through post-treatment surveys and a 12-month follow-up to track crime-free living.	Youth - 65 Parents/Caregivers - 50	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22, Parents	(Districts 2, 3, 6, 7)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Outcomes based on FY2024: Agency exceeded parents by serving an additional 16 and the clients were underserved by 6.	96	# 5	6	102
NOFO-2026-016	Choice to Change, Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 73,704.00	65%	\$ 113,391.00	Believe & Achieve: will serve juvenile offenders countywide with sanctioned community service and/or victim restitution requirements, ensuring public safety. The desired outcome of reducing re-offense rates will be met through the provision of comprehensive and intense interventions including parent and child relational needs assessments and education, victim awareness education (evidence-based curriculum), restitution sponsorships, and learned life skills.	Youth - 30	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	Program currently funded. Outcomes based on FY2024: Agency exceeded parents by serving an additional 16 and the clients were underserved by 6.	91	# 8	3	94
NOFO-2026-003	Communities In Schools of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 52,949.00	65%	\$ 81,460.00	Charting for Success: Communities In Schools surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Communities In Schools is the only dropout prevention organization that has proved to both lower dropout rates, increase graduation rates, and keep students engaged in their education. What sets Communities In Schools apart is a holistic approach to addressing both the academic and nonacademic needs of students.	Youth - 50	High School Age Youth	(District 6)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1147 - 3 of 3 outcomes were met; Agency served an additional 4 youth. All outcomes were based on FY 2024. Current contract expires September 30, 2025 for Charting for Success	91	# 3	8	99
NOFO-2026-039	Community Child Care Center of Delray Beach, Inc. d/b/a Achievement Centers for Children and Families	Ensure Safety & Justice	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 117,543.00	65%	\$ 180,835.00	Teen Achievers: empowers underserved Palm Beach County youth in grades 6-12 through leadership development, academic support, and mental and behavioral wellness services. The program fosters resilience, reduces risk factors, and promotes long-term success by providing structured out-of-school programming, life skills training, and civic engagement opportunities. Teens build positive relationships, engage in community impact projects, and gain real-world skills that support their growth into empowered members of society.	Youth - 100	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(District 7)	Similar Program	99.67	# 4	7	106.67
NOFO-2026-019	For The Children Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 174,483.00	65%	\$ 268,435.00	Youth Community Wellness (YCW): targets families, prioritizing those residing in Lake Worth Beach, Lantana, Boynton, and other surrounding areas of Palm Beach County. The YCW creates a holistic system of care for families, including prevention and intervention services to address our area's population's complex emotional and behavioral needs of youth ages 11-20. The YCW prevention services include activities directed toward youth, parents, and community members. The YCW Intervention services include individual and family therapy and case management services.	Youth - 50 Families - 50	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Parents, Other	(Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7)	Program currently funded by CSD. Programs currently funded for 6 years by YSD. Contract#: R2022-1143 - Healthy Families Healthy Kids - 3 of 3 outcomes were met. All outcomes were based on FY 2024, contract expires September 30, 2025. Contract#: R2023-1341- Youth Empowerment Center 6 of 6 outcomes, all outcomes were based on FY 2024 and contract expires September 30, 2026.	89.67	# 7	4	93.67

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NOFO-2026-035	Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 174,765.00	Supervised Release (SR): program includes intensive Home Detention (IHD) and Home Detention (HD). The program will reduce the number of youths in detention center, deter future criminal activity, and assist the youth in compliance with the court-ordered supervision rules. Case Managers will provide comprehensive case management, which will include an ACE assessment to identify trauma and provide referrals to services, home detention monitoring services for the youth, a youth personal development plan, support services, linkage to community resources for the youth and family, and pro-social activities. The supervised release program will assist the youth by assessing their needs, providing individual services, and providing youth and family resources to meet them, and motivating them to set and accomplish goals for success.	Youth - 100 Parents/Caregivers - 50	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22, Parents, Other	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1149 - Supervised Release. Current contract expires September 30th, 2025. 1 of 3 outcomes were met, outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency under-served youth by 13 and served an additional 18 parents.	86.33	#9	2	88.33
NOFO-2026-044	The Children's Place at Home Safe, Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 200,000.00	SafetyNet: program provides comprehensive domestic violence prevention and intervention services for children and families, promoting safety, empowerment, and long-term stability. Through evidence-based, trauma-informed therapies, case management, and legal advocacy, the program supports survivors in Palm Beach County. By collaborating with community partners, SafetyNet promotes healthy relationships, respect, communication, and conflict resolution in family and social interactions, helping to break the cycle of violence and create lasting change for vulnerable residents.	Youth - 363 Parents/Caregivers - 120	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22, Parents	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	NEW	90.67	# 10	1	91.67
NOFO-2026-024	GBDC Entrepreneurship Institute Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Economic Development	Non-Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 50,000.00	Bright Beginnings Entrepreneurship Club & Pop up Market: program is community based innovative entrepreneurship program that will support 40 young adults 11-19 in deferred prosecution/first-time offenders programs, in foster care or have high truancy occurrences in school. The program's target location are low income areas of Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Lantana and Lake Worth. The program provides intervention against substance abuse, recidivism and generational poverty by combining entrepreneurship education, job creation, business startup incubation and career path support connections to business leaders and internship in the business community.	Youth - 60	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(Districts 2, 3, 4, 7)	NEW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NOFO-2026-030	The Fund for West Palm Beach Police, Inc.	Ensure Safety & Justice	Public Safety	Non-Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 48,650.00	Cops & Scholars: a program of THE FUND for the West Palm Beach Police, is to provide intervention and alternatives to crime; strengthen prevention efforts to deter entry into the delinquency system; and promote healthy relationships with adults for at-risk youth in middle and high school in the city of West Palm Beach. This goal is achieved through regular meetings provided by ethnically diverse volunteering officers from the Juvenile Unit who serve as role models, and who provide academic assistance. The program directly improves the academic outcomes of young people who are at risk of falling into	Youth - 50	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(Districts 2, 3, 7)	NEW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NOFO-2026-027	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLI)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 27,779.00	33%	\$ 83,925.00	Youth Mentoring: Igniting Potential: pairs high school students in Palm Beach County with business mentors who serve as positive role models, fostering supportive one-on-one relationships through monthly virtual meetings. During these sessions, they build connections while discussing various topics and participating in virtual workshops that teach essential skills like goal setting and stress management. Additionally, students are invited to agency activities with peers, enhancing their social capital and helping to create a more connected society.	Youth - 25	High School Age Youth	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	Former agency funded for 3 years and met all outcomes in 2021.	80	# 12	8	88
NOFO-2026-034	Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLI)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 34,112.00	33%	\$ 103,058.00	Skills for Lifelong Success: is an out-of-school time initiative developed by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County that equips teens with essential life skills, financial literacy, and social-emotional tools to succeed beyond the classroom. Through service-learning, leadership development, and research-informed programs like Money Matters, participants grow into confident, community-connected youth. The program provides safe, structured, and engaging experiences that build resilience, strengthen decision-making, foster meaningful relationships, and promote mental wellness.	Youth - 180	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(District 6)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1151 3 OF 3 OUTCOMES WERE MET. Outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency served an additional 28 clients and an additional 11 parents.	91.5	# 1	19	110.5



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NOFO-2026-040	Children's Case Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a Families First of Palm Beach County	Skills for Learning and Life (SLI)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 22,925.00	33%	\$ 69,261.00	Kin Support Program: provides comprehensive, tailored assistance to relatives caring for children, aiming to prevent foster care placement. It offers a range of services, including therapeutic counseling, financial guidance, and legal support, all coordinated by dedicated family service coordinators. By addressing the unique needs of each family and connecting them with vital community resources, the program has successfully kept 100% of children served in 2024 with their kin caregivers.	Youth - 150 Parents/Caregivers - 60 Service Organizations - 4	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22, Other	{Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}	Currently CSD funds agency and this program. YSD funds Y.E.S. program under safety and justice.	97	# 3	17	114
NOFO-2026-004	City of Greenacres	Skills for Learning and Life (SLI)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 31,999.00	33%	\$ 96,675.00	Teen OST Program: is a nationally accredited, licensed, year-round out-of-school time program for teens in Palm Beach County, focusing on building positive relationships with law enforcement, offering the evidenced based Teen Outreach Program (TOD) curriculum, and providing mentoring, community service projects, and educational field trips. Programming is developed with youth input and has successfully trained and employed thirty graduates in various city positions over the past 15 years. It promotes leadership, life skills, problem solving, and leadership roles within the community.	Youth - 50	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	{District 3}	Program currently funded for 6 years, Contract # R2022-1152. 2 OF 2 OUTCOMES WERE MET. Outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency served an additional 16 clients.	92.5	# 10	10	102.5
NOFO-2026-043	Compass, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLI)	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 83,953.00	33%	\$ 253,635.20	Youth and Family Services: Social support services are essential to the health and success of youth who experience suicidal ideation, bullying, anxiety, depression, isolation, and miss school due to fear for their safety at high rates, and their parents/caregivers. Our proposed program will serve 360 clients annually by offering social-emotional support programming for youth, parents/caregivers and young adults, resource referrals, community organizing, and training for frontline professionals who interact with youth in Palm Beach County.	Youth - 165 Parents/Caregivers - 45 Service Organizations - 150	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22, Parents, Other	{Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}	Program currently funded for 6 years, 3 OF 3 OUTCOMES WERE MET. Outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency served an additional 13 clients, 2 providers, and achieved the parents outcome.	95	# 4	16	111
NOFO-2026-022	Connect to Greatness, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLI)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 75,000.00	Boys to Men Leadership Academy: to support underserved and at-risk boys in grades 4-12 through an evidence-based individual and group mentoring model that promotes confidence, emotional well-being, academic success, and positive life outcomes. The program helps participants build self-respect, purpose, and resilience while reducing negative behaviors and the risk of justice system involvement. Annually, the proposed program will serve 60 youth with an average of 45 service hours each through a social-emotional framework that includes mentoring, team-building, academic support, and caregiver engagement.	Youth - 60 Parents/Caregivers - 25	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	{Districts 4, 5, 7}	Program is currently in year 1 of 3 of contract. No past performance to report.	91	# 9	11	102
NOFO-2026-008	Elizabeth H. Faulk Foundation, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLI)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 31,114.00	33%	\$ 94,000.00	SOAR: Strengthening Our Attitudes & Resilience: is a nine-week after-school wellness program held onsite at participating schools and open to any student currently enrolled in aftercare. Led by Registered Mental Health Interns (RMHIs) and Faulk Center student clinicians, SOAR provides a structured yet engaging environment where students build leadership, life skills, and problem-solving abilities. Offered at no cost, this program fosters social connectedness and personal growth through interactive activities and guided support.	Youth - 450	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth	{Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7}	NEW	76.5	# 17	3	79.5
NOFO-2026-009	Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLI)	Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders	Responsive	\$ 84,147.00	33%	\$ 254,221.00	Strong Kids Today for a Better Tomorrow: is a pro-social skills building initiative for children in VPK-4 and K-5, delivered through our year-round Out-of-School Time (OST) programs- a total of approximately 250 days/year; and, 50 parents/caregivers and 22 staff. Grant funded activities include: mental and behavioral health screenings, referrals, and on-campus therapeutic interventions; youth-led learning activities including the SNAP and Feeling & Copings programs, Second Step, mentoring, and monthly pro-social skill building projects; quarterly parent education.	Youth - 280 Parents/Caregivers - 72	Elementary Age Youth, Parents, Other	{Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}	Program currently funded for 6 years, Contract# R2022-1155 - 3 of 3 outcomes were met; All outcomes were based on FY 2024. Current contract expires September 30, 2025 for Strong Kids Today for a Better Tomorrow program.	95	# 14	6	101

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NOFO-2026-007	Florida Mentoring Network d/b/a Xcel Mentoring Network	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 250,000.00	Non Traditional Education to Employment Pathways for Youth: Xcel has achieved outstanding success in delivering a comprehensive remote mentoring, life skills and workforce development program that yields economic benefits for the youth and their families. By being remote, it has successfully lowered the barriers to entry into various trades for young individuals aged 13 to 25. This diverse group includes foster care youth, youth at risk of entering the juvenile justice system, homeless youth, and community youth from underserved and under-resourced areas in Palm Beach County.	Youth - 125	High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	NEW	68	# 13	7	75
NOFO-2026-028	Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 46,057.00	33%	\$ 139,144.50	Troop Transcend: is an innovative solution to strengthen life skills and support mental and emotional health for youth in underserved communities where access to enriching after-school activities is limited. The program utilizes paid facilitators to bring a research-based curriculum directly to 175 youth ages 5-14 in Palm Beach County schools, with all program necessities - including uniforms, badges, and supplies - provided at no cost to participants. Through structured bi-monthly meetings, youth engage in comprehensive programming across four key pillars: STEM, Life Skills, Entrepreneurship, and Outdoors, developing essential leadership skills while building courage, confidence, and character in a supportive, youth-led environment.	Youth - 175	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 6, 7)	Program currently funded for 3 years. Contract# R2024-1254 - Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Current contract expires September 30, 2027. All outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency served an additional 36 youth and 19 parents.	78.5	# 18	2	80.5
NOFO-2026-048	Housing Partnership Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 19,860.00	33%	\$ 60,000.00	Mentoring at Lake Worth: offers a fun, safe and supervised onsite mentoring and youth development program that will support youth and parents and mentor/mentee matches during out of school hours and Saturdays. MLW intends to support the students from Lake Worth Middle School that are experiencing challenges; such as struggling with transitioning from elementary school to middle school, high absenteeism, poor peer relations, social isolation, lack of connection with the community and trauma related issues by providing a positive adult as a mentor; and the opportunity to participate in the evidence-based Teen Outreach Program®(TOP®) that is a positive youth development program designed to build teen's educational success, life and leadership skills, and healthy behaviors and relationships. As a result, teens are better able to navigate challenges during the teenage years-- a time when decisions matter.	Youth - 34 Parents/Caregivers - 34 Mentors - 25	Middle School Age Youth, Parents	(District 2)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract# R2024-1254 - Mentoring at LWM & PE. Current contract expires September 30, 2025. All outcomes were met except for one, outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency under-served parents by 8.	88.00	# 7	13	101
NOFO-2026-045	Housing Partnership, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 19,860.00	33%	\$ 60,000.00	Mentoring at Pahokee: offers a fun, safe and supervised onsite mentoring program that will support youth during out of school time hours and Saturdays. The program supports students that are experiencing challenges; such as struggling with transitioning from elementary school to elementary school, high absenteeism, poor peer relations, social isolation, lack of community connections and trauma related issues by providing a positive adult as a mentor; and engages parents by providing educational and social and emotional skill building opportunities. Mentoring at Pahokee Elementary will support the parents and youth in the development of healthy social and emotional skills, opportunities to decrease social isolation and foster meaningful connections to the community by offering a high- quality mentoring program.	Youth - 34 Parents/Caregivers - 34 Mentors - 30	Elementary Age Youth, Parents	(Districts 6)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract# R2022-1157 - Mentoring at LWM & PE. Current contract expires September 30, 2025. All outcomes were met except for one, outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency under-served parents by 8.	88	# 8	12	100

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NOFO-2026-017	Milagro Foundation, Incorporated	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 33,100.00	33%	\$ 100,000.00	Project COPE (Creative Opportunities for Personal Empowerment): is a community-based program supporting economically-challenged youth between the ages of 11–13-years of age. This impactful program is designed to address the needs of 6th to 8th grade students from the most underserved communities in southern Palm Beach County by enhancing life skills that build confidence, support mental and emotional health, and promote opportunities for youth to be involved in their community and overcome challenges through quality out-of-school time (OST) programs. We expect to serve 85 middle school students during the grant year.	Youth - 85	Middle School Age Youth	(Districts 4, 7)	Program currently funded for 6 years. Contract#: R2022-1156 – Touch B.A.S.E. - 3 of 4 outcomes were met, agency underserved by one youth. All outcomes were based on FY 2024, contract expires September 30, 2025. Contract#: R2024-11255- Ambassadors for Higher Education has no past performance to report as of date, contract expires September 30, 2027.	94.5	# 2	18	112.5
NOFO-2026-029	Nicholas and Christen Thompson Foundation, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 25,000.00	Palm Beach County Imagination Library: is the local program partner of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Palm Beach County. The Imagination Library is an award-winning free book gifting program for children under age five, that mails one high-quality book per month to all children enrolled from birth through their fifth birthday, at no cost to the family, regardless of income.	Youth - 800 Parents/Caregivers - 800	Other	(Districts 1, 2, 6, 7)	NEW	77	# 19	1	78
NOFO-2026-046	NorthStar Academies, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -	0%	\$ 2,999,973.75	NSA Project HEAL-PB: NorthStar Academies envisions schools as vibrant hubs of E.N.E.R.G.Y. Empowering Next-level Excellence, Resilience, Growth, and Youth where education, wellness, and advocacy intersect to transform lives of youth and families across Palm Beach County. As part of this vision, Project HEAL is a trauma-informed initiative addressing the mental health, educational, and socio-emotional needs of youth and families across Palm Beach County, aligning with NSA's mission to foster innovation and strong community partnerships. Operating in Central and Glades regions, Project HEAL maximizes the impact of NSA schools and regional support, community partners, and local agencies to support youth impacted by adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) including personal, environmental, systemic, and identity-based trauma.	Youth - 400 Parents/Caregivers - 100	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth, Youth ages 18-22, Parents	(Districts 2, 3, 6, 7)	NEW	60.5	# 16	4	64.5
NOFO-2026-014	The Arc of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 114,238.00	33%	\$ 345,131.00	Recreation Program: serves children from age 4-18 who have a diagnosis of an intellectual or developmental disability. Children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) benefit in a variety of ways from engaging in recreational opportunities, just like their peers without disabilities; however, youth with IDD typically need additional support in academics, life and social skills, and peer engagement to achieve their highest level of success. Access to Out-of-School Time (OST) programs that can meet the needs of this population and provide opportunities for socialization is integral to helping youth with IDD thrive in school and beyond.	Youth - 50	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	Program currently funded for 6 years. 3 OF 3 OUTCOMES WERE MET. Outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency under-served by 9 clients and over-served by 1 for parents.	84	# 6	14	98

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NOFO-2026-015	The Children's Home Society of Florida	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ 70,031.00		\$ 211,574.00	College and Career Pathways: The Children's Home Society of Florida-Palm Beach County (CHS) will provide a robust eight-week program of college and career readiness to 150 low-income, high-risk middle and high school students in Palm Beach County, including homeless and foster youth that participate in CHS programs. Programming will be offered after-school and in the summer at school and community settings. We will adapt the evidence-based College and Career Clubs model established by the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships.	Youth - 150	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(District 3)	New Program - Currently, YSD funds Contract # R2022-0611 3 OF 3 OUTCOMES WERE MET FOR Adoption Assistance Program and Contract # R2024-1257 1 of 3 were met for The Family Visitation center. Outcomes are based on FY 2024; Adoption Assistance Program served an additional 18 clients, and The Family Visitation Center underserved by 46 clients and underserved by 8 parents.	90.50	# 5	15	105.5
NOFO-2026-031	The Path to College Foundation, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -		\$ 247,500.00	Path to College Catapult Outreach: will expand Path to College's successful outreach by providing a safe, inspiring afterschool environment for underserved students. Through expert-led SAT prep, career exposure, and college application support, the center will boost academic confidence, increase FAFSA completion, and strengthen career direction. By addressing financial and academic challenges, it will empower students to overcome systemic barriers and achieve long-term success.	Youth - 100	High School Age Youth	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	Program currently funded for 6 years, Contract # R2022-1158 4 OF 4 OUTCOMES WERE MET. Outcomes are based on FY 2024; Agency exceeded projected number of clients, served 61 additional clients.	72.00	# 11	9	81
NOFO-2026-026	The Talented Teen Club, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Responsive	\$ -		\$ 196,000.00	PUSH for Girls and Boys Leadership Academy: empowers underserved middle and high school students through mentorship, leadership training, and career exploration. The program provides life skills development, workforce readiness, and hands-on learning experiences to help students build confidence and achieve their goals. By connecting youth with mentors, resources, and real-world opportunities, PUSH equips them with the tools needed for academic, personal, and professional success.	Youth - 250	Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(District 2)	NEW	72	# 15	5	77
NOFO-2026-001	Alphastar Academic Enrichment, Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Non-Responsive	\$ -		\$ 450,000.00	Alphastar Academic Enrichment, Inc. Offers intensive tutoring for ACT/SAT reading and Algebra I (EOC) to underserved students in Palm Beach County. The program focuses on improving test scores and ensuring students meet graduation and college entrance requirements. We serve Title 1 schools and provide after-school, summer, and boot camp tutoring sessions. Additionally, we offer K-12 tutoring services for afterschool and summer, addressing broader academic needs beyond test preparation. Our Gap Camps provide structured academic support during holiday breaks, ensuring continuous learning for students facing educational challenges.	Youth - 150	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NOFO-2026-037	Young Men of Distinction Inc.	Skills for Learning and Life (SLL)	Economic Development	Non-Responsive	\$ -		\$ 50,000.00	YMOD Youth Development: This program aims to empower children and teens by helping them recognize and maximize their strengths. Through workshops, activities, and mentorship, participants will develop skills in critical thinking, communication, leadership, and self-confidence. Additionally, a college preparation component provides essential guidance and support for future academic success.	Youth - 30	Elementary Age Youth, Middle School Age Youth, High School Age Youth	(District 7)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\$ 3,139,703.00

\$ 10,840,938.18

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY BASED AGENCIES FY 2026 – FY 2028

BACKGROUND

Youth Symposium and Creation of Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures

In 2013, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and a group of community organizations and leaders convened the Infant, Child, Youth and Young Adult Symposium (Youth Symposium) to share information and identify actions and programs to support the healthy growth, development and education of children and youth, prenatally to young adulthood. Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures (Birth to 22) is the alliance of community partners that emerged from the Youth Symposium. Birth to 22 affirms a whole child approach to this collaborative work. The partners of Birth to 22 agreed that a Youth Master Plan (YMP) was necessary to best guide the collective community to achieve the best results for Palm Beach County children and youth. The BCC approved the creation of the Youth Services Department, which opened January 5, 2015.

Youth Master Plan – “Strengthening the Steps to Success” and Youth Master Plan 2.0

On December 15, 2015, the BCC approved a Contract with The Forum for Youth Investment (FYI) (R2015-1852), which was amended on July 12, 2016 (R2016-0919), to provide professional/consultation services in the development of the YMP for Palm Beach County. The Youth Services Department (YSD), along with the other youth-serving partner agency members of Birth to 22, participated in a collaborative process employing a collective impact framework to develop the YMP, entitled “Strengthening the Steps to Success.”

The YMP was developed by over sixty (60) members of Birth to 22 as a blueprint for setting priorities and taking action to improve the lives of children and youth in Palm Beach County. The YMP reflected an ongoing effort to engage community members at all levels in building on strengths, aligning ongoing efforts and addressing gaps in order to create a community where all youth – from birth to 22 – have an opportunity to succeed, reach their full potential and receive the attention necessary when faced with systemic barriers.

On January 21, 2017, YSD presented the outcome of the YMP to the BCC. Six Action Areas were identified in the YMP: i) Economic Access, ii) Parenting and Role Models, iii) Social and Emotional Supports, iv) Educational Supports, v) Health and Wellness Supports, and vi) Removal of Community Stressors and Systemic Barriers (which included Ensuring Safety and Justice). Since then, YSD has issued Notices of Funding Opportunity for two (2) or more Action Areas annually. Awarded contracts are for three (3)-year periods.

In February 2025, the Youth Master Plan 2.0 (YMP 2.0) was released as an update to the original “Strengthening the Steps to Success” Youth Master Plan for Palm Beach County.

FY2026 NOFO PROCESS

- ° YSD issued its FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), for a three (3)-year period, for Community Based Agencies (CBA) on February 24, 2025, for three (3) Action Areas identified in the YMP: Health and Wellness Supports; Ensure Safety & Justice; and Skills for learning and Life.

- Criteria for the Action Areas and the proposal guidelines for the NOFO process were advertised in *The Palm Beach Post* on February 23, 2025. Proposal details and required forms were available to the public on February 24, 2025. All potential proposers were required to attend or attest to viewing the mandatory pre-proposal conference on February 27, 2025. Proposals were due by March 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
- A formal review process was established for the submitted proposals. Three (3) separate Review Panels were created and tasked with reading the proposals, providing comments and issuing a score based on the approved criteria. The Review Panels were each made up of the following subject matter experts in each Action Area:

Review Panel	Representative
Health and Wellness Supports	<p>Dr. Seth Bernstein - LEAD Executive Vice President of Community Investments United Way of Palm Beach County</p> <p>Nancy Reese Manager, Department of Behavioral and Mental Health The School District of Palm Beach County</p>

Review Panel	Representative
Ensure Safety & Justice	<p>Dr. Barbara Gerlock Organizational Development Consultant Resiliency in the Community</p> <p>Alexandra Peralta Program Performance Officer Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County</p> <p>Dr. Joy McClellan MSW Program Coordinator & Senior Instructor Florida Atlantic University College of Social Work & Criminal Justice</p>

Review Panel	Representative
Skills for Learning and Life	<p>Erin Gallagher Vice President of Strategic Initiatives The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County</p> <p>Randy Palo Director of Programs Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County</p>

- All proposals were scored on the following:
 - Description of Need
 - Local Data
 - Approach and Design
 - Evaluation Methods
 - Performance History
 - Available Resources and Sustainability
 - Budget
 - Priority Area(s) Scores – Range of points based on the number of proposals for each Action Area, based on the services' critical need. The score awarded reflected how competitive the proposal is, and the ranking reflected how imperative and critical the services are to ensure availability and access.
- YSD Staff provided a cursory review to the Review Panels for their reference, including written comments on the program evaluation approach, past performance, if applicable, and the financial information.
- The YSD Director made the final recommendations utilizing each Review Panel's scoring and ranking, prior relevant program performance, the county's current service array and community needs, and a review of budget needs and available resources.
- Out of forty-eight (48) proposals received, four (4) proposals were deemed non-responsive and not distributed to the Review Panels or scored.
- Pursuant to Board direction, a protest process was included with this NOFO. Three protests were filed regarding various concerns related to the awarded amount. The protests were filed by Florida Mentoring Network d/b/a Xcel Mentoring Network; Gulfstream Goodwill Industries; and Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. All protests were denied.
- Thirty-three (33) programs are being recommended for funding.