



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Tara Gaudin

**Department:** Human Services

**Division:** Community Partnerships

### Information

#### Requested Action

A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, authorizing appropriation and disbursement of funds in the total amount of \$2,575,000 to specified service providers for housing services in Broward County; authorizing the County Administrator to execute agreements with specified service providers, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, and to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the agreements; and providing for severability and an effective date.

**ACTION: (T-10:29 AM) Approved Resolution No. 2022-275.**

**VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Ryan was not present.**

B. MOTION TO APPROVE waivers of conflict under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, for the following Broward County advisory board members holding an employment or contractual relationship with an entity receiving funds for the performance of services under this agenda item:

1. Thomas M. Campbell
2. Frances M. Esposito
3. Rafael F. Jimenez
4. Danny C. Osley

**ACTION: (T-10:29 AM) Approved.**

**VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Ryan was not present.**

#### Why Action is Necessary

A. Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") adoption of this Resolution is required for appropriation and disbursement of grant funds for agreements with external agencies and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreements with the specified service providers.

B. A waiver of conflict arising under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, requires two-thirds approval by the Commission.

#### What Action Accomplishes

Adoption of Motion A provides funding for housing services for individuals and families experiencing

homelessness in Broward County.

Approval of Motion B waives the existence of any conflicts arising under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, as authorized under applicable law.

**Is this Action Goal Related**

Yes

**Previous Action Taken**

None

**Summary Explanation/Background**

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

These actions support the Commission's value of "approaching human services collaboratively and compassionately, with special emphasis on the most vulnerable," and the goal to "collaborate with public and private partners to find creative, equitable, and responsible solutions to systemic community problems, especially permanent, supportive housing for persons experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness." The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 funding to specified service providers will provide housing services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Broward County.

This agenda item requests Commission approval to appropriate and disburse Fiscal Year 2021-2022 funds in the amount of \$2,575,000 to specified service providers in Exhibit 1, Attachment A, for the provision of services, (i) rapid rehousing, (ii) permanent supportive housing, and (iii) permanent supportive housing for the Pompano encampment abatement ("abatement"), to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Broward County. The Commission initially approved funding for the abatement in the Broward County Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget. Due to protracted negotiations with the City of Pompano Beach, the funding was not spent.

All new agreements for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 housing services resulted from a fair, open and competitive Request for Proposals ("RFP") that closed on February 11, 2022. The RFP review and rating process included staff and subject matter experts from the community. The agencies recommended for funding are based on the RFP results.

Staff will utilize the applicable standard form agreement with the specified service providers. The agreements will be reviewed for legal sufficiency prior to execution by the County Administrator.

Approval of this item would give rise to certain employment conflicts under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, which provides that "no public officer... shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity... which is... doing business with an agency of which he or she is an officer or employee." In accordance with 112.313(12), Florida Statutes, Commission approval is required to waive any conflict of interest arising under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes. An effective waiver requires two-thirds vote of the Commission after disclosure of the conflicting relationship (Motion B) in accordance with Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes. Forms 4A, Disclosure of Business Transaction, Relationship, or Interest, are attached to this report as Exhibit 2 and constitute full disclosure of any existing conflicts.

**Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

The amount of \$2,575,000 is from the Human Services Department's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget for the initial award period commencing July 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.