



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Keith D. Bostick (Deputy Director)

Department: Human Services

Division: Community Partnerships

Information

Requested Action

A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-319 of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, authorizing appropriation and disbursement of Florida Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), Fiscal Year 2021-2022 grant funds in the estimated amount of \$2,865,920 to specified service providers for the provision of services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among persons experiencing homelessness in Broward County, and for administrative services; authorizing the County Administrator to execute the DCF grant agreement and the appropriate agreements with specified service providers, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, and take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the agreements; and providing for severability and an effective date.

ACTION: (T-11:41 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0.

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-320 in the Unified Homeless Grant fund in the amount of \$2,865,920 for the provision of services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among persons experiencing homelessness in Broward County, in addition to administrative services, for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

ACTION: (T-11:41 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0.

C. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE County Administrator to execute Amendments to (i) Agreement No. 19-CP-HIP-8470-ESG-02 with Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc., (ii) Agreement No. 20-CP-HIP-8204-ESG-01 with The Salvation Army, and (iii) Agreement No. 20-CP-HIP-8219-01 with Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc., subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, to expand services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among persons experiencing homelessness in Broward County, effective retroactively from August 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021; and authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the agreements as amended.

ACTION: (T-11:41 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0.

D. 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. Michael R. Barron
2. Thomas M. Campbell
3. Frances M. Esposito
4. Danny C. Osley
5. Rick Siclari
6. George S. Werthman

ACTION: (T-11:41 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0.

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.

B. Section 129.06(2)(d), Florida Statutes, requires a budget resolution to recognize revenue.

C. Authorizes the County Administrator to execute amendments that revise scopes of services in certain agreements.

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

What Action Accomplishes

Adoption and approval of Motions A through C provides funding for services to persons experiencing homelessness and for administrative services to assist with increasing the capacity of the local homeless continuum of care.

Approval of Motion D 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 grant funding supports services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among persons experiencing homelessness.

The Commission approved the allocation of DCF Unified Homelessness funds for state fiscal year 2019-2020 on June 11, 2019, (Item No. 18) and for state fiscal year 2020-2021 on October 20, 2020 (Item No. 10), to specified service providers for emergency shelter services, rapid re-housing services, and supportive services that assist persons experiencing homelessness in Broward County, and for administrative services. The Commission also authorized the County Administrator to execute DCF Grant Contract No. JP003. On November 10, 2020 (Item No. 81), the Commission authorized the appropriation and disbursement of DCF funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 in the estimated amount of \$1,170,000.

This agenda item requests Commission approval of the appropriation and disbursement of state fiscal year 2021-2022 DCF Unified Homeless grant funds in the estimated amount of \$2,865,920 to service providers specified in Exhibit 1, Attachment A. The DCF grant award includes funds to be retained by Broward County for the non-congregate shelter and for grant administration. In addition, Commission approval is requested to expand the scopes of services in certain agreements, identified in Exhibit 3, for the specified service providers to assist persons experiencing homelessness in the prevention and response to COVID-19 effective retroactively from August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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 Section 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 D) 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 4 and constitute full disclosure of any existing conflicts.

Source of Additional Information

Darrell Cunningham, Director, Community Partnerships Division, (954) 357-6398 Rebecca McGuire, Administrator, Homeless Initiative Partnership Section, (954) 357-5686

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The DCF appropriation is in the estimated amount of \$2,865,920 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for Grant Contract No. JP003. The County retains the estimated amount of \$1,296,629 for projects and administrative services. There is no required match for this funding.