



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Mandy Wells (Acting Director)

Department: Human Services

Division: Community Partnerships

Information

Requested Action

A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2020-129 of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, authorizing an appropriation and disbursement of funds in the amount of \$1,551,086 to contribute to local match funding for specified service providers for the State of Florida Fiscal Year 2019-2020; authorize the County Administrator to execute new agreements with the service providers, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney; and authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the agreements; and providing for severability and an effective date.

ACTION: (T-11:32 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0. Commissioners Bogen, Fisher, Rich and Vice-Mayor Geller voted in the affirmative telephonically.

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. Campbell, Thomas M.
2. Esposito, Frances M.
3. Hayes, Marie
4. Osley, Danny C.
5. Siclari, Rick
6. Vecchi, Lisa A.

ACTION: (T-11:32 AM) Approved.

VOTE: 9-0. Commissioners Bogen, Fisher, Rich and Vice-Mayor Geller voted in the affirmative telephonically.

Why Action is Necessary

A. Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") approval is required for agreements with external agencies.

B. A waiver of conflict arising under Section 112.313(7)(a) Florida Statutes, requires two-thirds approval by the Commission in accordance with Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes.

What Action Accomplishes

Adoption of Motion A authorizes funding from Broward County to specified service providers to distribute local matching funds required by Section 394.76, Florida Statutes. This action further authorizes the County Administrator to execute the individual agreements with contracted service providers.

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 value of “approaching human services collaboratively and compassionately, with special emphasis on the most vulnerable,” and the goal to “effectively advocate for and acquire municipal, state and federal financial support to equitably address health and human services needs of the entire community, through a truly coordinated system of care.” Local matching funds support the provision of an array of adult mental health and substance abuse treatment services in the community.

Pursuant to Section 394.76(9)(a), Florida Statutes, Broward County must provide local match funds to mental health service providers based on the Fiscal Year 2020 funding allocated by the State of Florida Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), Circuit 17. The statute also requires matching funds be provided on a 75-to-25 state-to-local ratio. Section 394.67(13), Florida Statutes defines local matching funds as funds received from governing bodies of local government, including city commissions, county commissions, district school boards, special tax districts, private hospital funds, private gifts, both individual and corporate, and bequests and funds received from community drives or any other sources. Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (“BBHC”) is responsible for the local management and oversight of these services, including tracking and monitoring outcome achievement for its service providers.

The local match application process is conducted each Fiscal Year; thus, the agreement period is aligned with the State Fiscal Year. Eleven agencies submitted applications and qualified for funding in the total amount of \$1,551,086.

Recommended service providers (Exhibit 1, Attachment A) have certified compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. The County will utilize the previously approved local matching funds standard form agreement. BBHC reports that six agencies had findings requiring a Corrective Action Plan for the period of July 1, 2019, through December 30, 2019 (Exhibit 2).

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, Board approval is required to waive any conflict arising under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes. An effective waiver requires a two-thirds vote of the Commission after full disclosure of the conflicting relationship (Motion B). Forms 4A attached hereto as Exhibit 3 constitute full disclosure of any existing conflicts.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The Fiscal Year 2020 local match amount of \$1,304,645 is available in the Community Partnerships Division, Health Care Services Section Budget. Additional funds in the amount of \$246,441 will be allocated in the second supplemental budget to provide the total amount of \$1,551,086.