



# 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**

**MOTION TO APPROVE** Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration ("HRSA") in the amount of \$16,679,476 for the grant period of March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 to provide core medical, support and outreach services in addition to planning and evaluation services for persons living with HIV/AIDS; authorize the County Administrator to execute and implement the Grant upon receipt; and authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions related to the Grant.

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

Section 20.31(b)(3), Broward County Administrative Code, requires that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") approves all state and federal grant agreements.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Approval will enable Broward County to apply for federal funding to continue providing health care, support and outreach services to eligible Broward County residents living with HIV.

#### **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 MOTION.

This action supports 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." Securing federal grant funding will facilitate the continued provision of needed services to eligible Broward County residents living with HIV.

Broward County has received Ryan White ("RW") Part A grant funding from HRSA since 1991. The funds assist in developing or enhancing high quality, community-based care for low-income

individuals and families affected by HIV-related illnesses in Eligible Metropolitan Areas.

In the 2020-2021 grant period, HRSA awarded Broward County \$15,886,455 in RW Part A funds to serve 8,500 unduplicated individuals living with HIV. The most recent Florida Department of Health HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report documented 21,048 persons living with HIV/AIDS in Broward County. In the 2021-2022 grant period, Broward County anticipates serving approximately 9,000 unduplicated individuals living with HIV as determined by the Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council (Exhibit 1).

Historically, Broward County has met all federally mandated Conditions of Award, including ensuring unexpended grant funds are below 5% of the total grant award.

#### **Source of Additional Information**

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#### **Fiscal Impact**

##### **Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

The County's RW program is 100% funded through federal dollars from HRSA. No County funds are required. The program would be discontinued if grant funding is no longer available.