



# 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. 2020-526 of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, authorizing appropriation and disbursement of Florida Department of Children and Families (“DCF”) grant funds in the amount of \$420,162 to provide emergency shelter services, rapid re-housing services, and supportive services to families and individuals experiencing homelessness, and administrative services for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; authorizing the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement agreements with current service providers; and providing for severability and an effective date.

**ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.**

**VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Rich voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.**

**ACTION: (T-10:30 AM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.**

**VOTE: 9-0.**

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2020-527 in the Unified Homeless Grant Fund in the amount of \$420,162 to provide emergency shelter services, rapid re-housing services, and supportive services to persons experiencing homelessness, in addition to administrative services under the DCF Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”), Challenge Grant (“CG”), and Staffing Grant (“SG”) for state Fiscal Year 2020-2021, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

**ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.**

**VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Rich voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.**

**ACTION: (T-10:30 AM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.**

**VOTE: 9-0.**

C. 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

**ACTION: (T-10:25 AM) Approved.**

**VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Rich voted in the affirmative telephonically. Commissioner Sharief was not present.**

**ACTION: (T-10:30 AM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.**

**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 Commission approval to provide for revenue.

C. 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 of Motions A and B provides funding to families and individuals experiencing homelessness and funding for administrative services to assist in increasing the capacity of the Homeless Continuum of Care.

Approval of Motion C 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 PARTNERSHIP 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 will support the coordinated homeless system of care and assist eligible families and individuals in accessing permanent housing interventions.

On June 11, 2019 (Item No. 18), the Commission approved the allocation of state Fiscal Year 2019-2020 DCF Unified Homelessness Grant funds to specified service providers for emergency shelter services, rapid re-housing services, supportive services to families and individuals experiencing homelessness, and administrative services to assist with increasing the capacity of the Continuum of Care. DCF issued Agreement No. JP003 for three years. The Commission authorized the County Administrator to execute the DCF agreement, as well as the agreements with specified service providers.

This agenda item requests Commission approval for the allocation of DCF grant funds for year two of Agreement No. JP003 in the amount of \$420,162, effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, to service providers as specified on Exhibit 1, Attachment A. All service providers met their outcome indicators for the past Fiscal Year.

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 C) 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 3 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 (“HIP”), (954) 357-5686

### **Fiscal Impact**

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

The total DCF appropriation is \$420,162 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, which is year two of Agreement No. JP003. SG funds in the amount of \$107,143 pay the salary and benefits for the HIP Human Services Manager. The County is not required to provide match for SG funds.

However, DCF requires 100% match funding for ESG services. ESG providers are Broward Partnerships for the Homeless, Inc. (“BPHI”), awarded \$44,019; Women in Distress, Inc., awarded \$30,000; and The Salvation Army, Inc. (“TSA”), awarded \$120,000. The County will provide \$60,000 of the required match for TSA from the Community Partnerships Division’s Homeless fund and \$60,000 from the Family Success Administration Division’s Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

DCF requires 25% match funding for CG services, which will be provided by BPHI who was awarded

\$119,000.