



# 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. 2021-266 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 amount of \$420,162 to provide emergency shelter services, rapid rehousing services, rent payment assistance, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and for administrative services; authorizing the County Administrator to execute amendments to existing 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-10:38 AM) Approved.***

***VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present during the vote.***

***ACTION: (T-11:22 AM) Commissioner Sharief requested being shown voting in the affirmative.***

***VOTE: 9-0.***

B. MOTION TO ADOPT budget Resolution No. 2021-267 within the Unified Homeless Grant Fund in the amount of \$420,162 for emergency shelter services, rapid rehousing services, rent payment assistance, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and administrative services under the DCF Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG"), Challenge Grant ("CG"), and Staffing Grant ("SG") for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which covers the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

***ACTION: (T-10:38 AM) Approved.***

***VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present during the vote.***

***ACTION: (T-11:22 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-10:38 AM) Approved.**

**VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Sharief was not present during the vote.**

**ACTION: (T-11:22 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 a budget resolution to recognize 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 for supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and for administrative services to increase the capacity of the local 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 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 will support the coordinated homeless system of care and assist eligible individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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 rehousing services, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and for administrative services to increase the capacity of the local homeless continuum of care. On October 20, 2020 (Item No. 10), the Commission approved funding allocations for state Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the same services. The Commission also authorized the County Administrator to execute the three-year DCF Grant Contract No. JP003, as well as the agreements with the specified service providers.

This agenda item requests Commission approval for the allocation of DCF grant funds for year three of Grant Contract No. JP003 in the amount of \$420,162, for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, to the specified service providers in Exhibit 1, Attachment A. Funded services are emergency shelter services, rapid rehousing services, rent payment assistance, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and administrative services.

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, 2021 to June 30, 2022, which is year three of Grant Contract No. JP003. SG funds in the amount of \$107,143 pay the salary and benefits for the HIP Human Services Manager. Broward County is not required to provide match for SG funds.

DCF requires 100% match funding from Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. ("BPHI"), Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc. ("WID"), and The Salvation Army ("TSA") for ESG services. BPHI, awarded \$44,019, and WID, awarded \$30,000, provide the required match funds. The Salvation Army ("TSA") was awarded \$120,000 for ESG services. Broward County will provide \$120,000 of the required match for TSA from the general fund rapid rehousing projects, contingent upon Commission adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.

DCF requires 25% match funding from BPHI, which was awarded \$119,000 for CG services. BPHI provides this match.

