



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 AUTHORIZE County Administrator to submit Broward County's grant application to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("FDLE") for the Fiscal Year 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide Program in the amount of \$348,691, for homeless shelter security upgrades, juvenile justice services, mental health and substance abuse services, and street outreach services for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; authorize the County Administrator to execute the resulting FDLE grant agreements (subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney) for the FDLE grant period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022; authorize the County Administrator to execute amendments to the resulting FDLE grant agreements (subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney) that do not significantly alter the approved scope of services; and authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the agreements.

Why Action is Necessary

Section 20.31, Broward County Administrative Code, requires that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") approves grant applications that will become binding awards and approves all state and federal grant agreements.

What Action Accomplishes

This action enables the County Administrator to submit the grant application to FDLE and execute the resulting grant agreements on a timely basis.

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's 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.” FDLE funding allows Broward County to address homeless shelter security upgrades, juvenile justice services, mental health and substance abuse services, and street outreach services for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness.

Under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - Countywide (“JAGC”) Program, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance provides funding to prevent or reduce crime and violence. FDLE is responsible for the distribution of the state-allocated JAGC program funds through a designated, formula-based, noncompetitive application process. On April 14, 2021, FDLE provided notice to the County of its annual JAGC Program funding allocation (Exhibit 1).

The County’s grant application for program services requests funding for homeless shelter security upgrades, juvenile justice services, mental health and substance abuse services, and street outreach services for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness.

Approval of the motion allows the County Administrator to submit the program services grant application and execute the resulting grant agreements in a timely manner to meet FDLE deadlines.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

There is no fiscal impact to the County. The program would be discontinued if grant funding is no longer available.