

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting Director's Name: Tara Williams

Department: Human Services

Division: Family Success Administration

Information

Requested Action

<u>MOTION TO AUTHORIZE</u> County Administrator to execute Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between CareerSource Broward and Broward County, required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, in the amount of \$647, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney; authorize the County Administrator to execute amendments that do not increase County's financial obligation above \$1,500 in the aggregate, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney; and authorize the County Attorney; and authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement the MOU.

Why Action is Necessary

Agreements with external agencies require approval by the Board of County Commissioners ("Commission").

What Action Accomplishes

This action satisfies the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requirement that Broward County ("County") enter into an MOU with the local one-stop delivery system administrator, CareerSource Broward ("CareerSource").

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE FAMILY SUCCESS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

This item supports the Commission's value of "building strong customer relationships and delivering customer-centric solutions," and the goal of "delivering human services that holistically address the whole person collaboratively and compassionately." Approval of this action demonstrates County's commitment to provide services in partnership with all community agencies to advance the wellbeing and economic stability of its residents.

This MOU is required under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ("WIOA") for all

partners of one-stop delivery systems. The one-stop delivery systems, through one-stop centers and through partner services, increase skill and credential attainment, employment, retention, and earnings of participants, especially those with significant barriers to employment, thereby improving the quality of the workforce, reducing dependency on public benefits, increasing economic opportunity, and minimizing poverty in Broward County.

WIOA reformed the public workforce system by strengthening partnerships and placing greater emphasis on achieving results in the integrated one-stop delivery system of career centers supported through the American Job Center network system. Under WIOA, each local area must have one comprehensive one-stop center that provides access to core work-related training and employment programs and partner programs.

County is a required one-stop legislative partner as the grantee entity and provider of Community Services Block Grant ("CSBG") employment and training activities. The Broward Workforce Development Board ("BWDB"), as the local workforce development board, is the WIOA-designated coordinator for Broward County's one-stop delivery system. CareerSource Broward ("CareerSource") serves as the administrative entity for the BWDB and is authorized to administer the one-stop delivery system and enter into required MOUs.

This MOU meets the WIOA requirement to describe services provided, related referral processes, and required cost sharing. County, through its Family Success Administration Division ("FSAD"), elected to meet its access and participation obligation by providing direct linkage through technology to CSBG staff who provide intake and assessment for CSBG employment and training programs and services designed to help increase employability. County and CareerSource identified the cost of maintaining a partner page on the one-stop website as an appropriate infrastructure cost funded under the MOU. The cost of maintaining this webpage is \$216 annually or \$647 for the term of the MOU.

The State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity also requires this MOU as one of the CSBG grant program's performance tasks.

As the one-stop administrator, the MOU will be in CareerSource's format. The MOU will be reviewed for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney prior to execution by the County Administrator.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None. Funds for the \$647 identified in this MOU will be provided through the CSBG grant program.