

Blue Sheet No. 20170308	Lee County Board Of County Commissioners Agenda Item Report Meeting Date: 6/20/2017	Item No. C20
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TITLE:

Approve Unified Grant Agreement from the Department of Children & Families, Office of Homelessness and accept an additional \$206,142 to fund projects addressing homelessness

ACTION REQUESTED:

A) Approve Unified Grant Agreement which consolidates three existing awards: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the addition of funding for the Lee County Homeless Coalition.

B) Accept additional grant funds in the amount of \$206,142 from the Department of Children & Families (DCF) to be used to fund the Lee County Homeless Coalition, The Salvation Army and another provider to be determined.

C) Authorize Board Chair to sign sub-recipient contracts with Lee County Homeless Coalition and another provider(s) to be determined once prepared and, if necessary, any future amendments that do not substantially alter the original intent of the contract including extensions to the effective dates.

D) Approve budget resolutions to increase 2016-2017 budget by \$206,142.

E) Authorize Department of Human and Veteran Services Director or designee to sign required grant reports.

F) Authorize Board Chair to sign amendments to existing sub recipients contracts as necessary.

FUNDING:

\$206,142; General Fund-Grant Funds; Not included in budget.

No future budget implications known at this time.

Fund - State Grant through General Fund; Program - DCF; Projects - Staffing Grant; Business Unit 12115700100.

Fund - Federal Grant through General Fund; Program - DCF; Projects - ESG; Business Unit 11115800100.

Fund - Federal Grant through General Fund; Program - DCF; Projects - TANF; Business Unit 11115900100.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Allows acceptance of a consolidated agreement with the State of Florida, to fund projects addressing homelessness and homeless prevention. This action will result in an Agreement between the Department of Children and Families and Lee County; modification of existing sub recipients contracts with The Salvation Army, and new contracts with the Lee County Homeless Coalition and a new provider to be determined. The original amount of funding included Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in the amount of \$36,000 and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$63,000 for a total of is \$99,000. This action renews the TANF & ESG funding at \$99,000 and adds an additional amount of \$107,142 for a new total of \$206,142 effective 7-1-2017 (state fiscal year).

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

Required Review:

Roger Mercado	Mike Figueroa	Anne Henkel	Peter Winton	Ashley D. Fesperman	Christine Brady
HUMAN SERVICES	RISK MANAGEMENT	Budget Analyst	Budget Services	County Attorney	County Manager

Requirement/Purpose: (specify)		Request Initiated	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statute	420	Commissioner:	All
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance		Department:	HUMAN SERVICES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admin Code	3-17	Division:	No Divisions
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		By:	Roger Mercado

Background:
The Board of County Commissioners accepted the following awards from the Department of Children & Families Office of Homelessness on 11-1-16 (Bluesheet 20160586) to address and prevent homelessness:

- 2016 Challenge (Agreement #HPZ70)
- 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for Homeless Prevention (Agreement #HPZ7E)
- 2016 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (Agreement #HPZ7J)

Subsequently, Lee County awarded contracts (administered by Human & Veteran Services) to the following nonprofit agencies:

- Challenge – The Salvation Army (TSA) – Contract #7681 and Lee County Housing Development Corp – Contract #7675.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Community Cooperative Inc (CCI) - Contract #7236
- TANF – The Salvation Army – Contract # 7666.

In addition, DCF Office of Homelessness also provides a staffing grant to the Lee County Homeless Coalition to fund salaries/benefits for staff and other operating expenses. The objective of the staffing grant is to improve the overall quality of life for homeless individuals and/or families through coordination with community agencies to provide quality services and programs.

In an effort to improve efficiency and effectiveness, DCF has decided to combine the separate Agreements into one Unified Funding Grant. The intent of the Unified Homeless Contract is to consolidate all homelessness related services under one contractual agreement.

Additional funding for the Challenge Grant will not be added at this time but may be increased at a later time.

This action will continue to address the goal of addressing/preventing/reducing homelessness in Lee County.

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