

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenue					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$0	\$0	\$0		

No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
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Is Item Included In Proposed Budget? Yes X No
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No X
 Does this item include the use of state funds? Yes No X

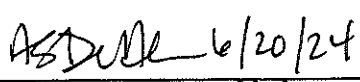

Budget Account No.:
 Fund 0001 Dept. 740 Unit 2000 Object Var. Program Code Program Period GY

B. Departmental Fiscal Review: 
 Julie Dowe, Director, Financial & Support Services

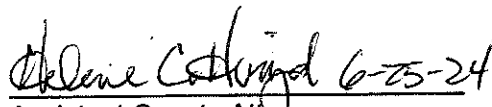
There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of these funding recommendations. Upon successful contract negotiations, agency contracts will be brought back to the board for approval.

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

<p><u></u> 6/20/24 OFMB <u>MG 6/18</u> <u>GJA 6/16</u> Edw 6-11-24</p>	<p><u></u> 6/21/24 Contract Development and Control YMA 6/20/24</p>
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

 6-25-24
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

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The Homeless Prevention Action Area includes emergency rental, utility, and other supportive services assistance to divert families, seniors, and persons with special needs from experiencing homelessness. The Emergency Shelter Domestic Violence/Parks to Work Action Area includes assisting survivors of domestic violence with safe and secure shelter, advocacy, and safety plans. Parks to Works provides shelter and subsidized employment training for people exiting unsheltered homelessness. The Rapid Rehousing Action Area assists individuals, families, and youth, to exit homelessness quickly utilizing a Housing First approach that rapidly connects persons experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that includes time-limited rental financial assistance and targeted supportive services. The Permanent Supportive Housing Action Area assists individuals, families, and youth with a diagnosed disabling condition to obtain and maintain permanent housing utilizing a Housing First approach and permanent rental and utility assistance, assistance with obtaining mainstream benefits, and other supportive services to increase self-sufficiency. A total of thirteen (13) proposals were received. The proposals were initially reviewed to ensure they met the minimum threshold requirements. No proposals were deemed not eligible for failure to meet threshold requirements. All thirteen (13) Proposals were reviewed by two (2) separate Review Panels. Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter Domestic Violence, and Parks to Works Action Areas were reviewed by Panel 1. The Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing Action Areas were reviewed by Panel 2. Both Review Panels consisted of community and subject-matter experts. The Review Panels scored the proposals based on the criteria: Project Narrative, Evaluation Approach, Prior Outcomes and Response to Community Data, Data Management, Partnerships, Resources and Collaboration, and Budget. The Review Panels also ranked proposals based on the priority and criticality of the services in the community. The CSD Director made the final recommendations utilizing each Review Panel's scoring and ranking, knowledge of other funding availability and a review of budget needs and available resources.

Thirteen (13) proposals are being recommended for funding.

Housing and Homelessness - NOFO COMPLETED FY 2024				
Housing and Homelessness: Programs and services in this category address outcomes and performance measures that demonstrate positive change toward the County's goal of ending homelessness. Preference will be given to services that are in collaboration with the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center, serving as the central point of intake.				
Homeless Prevention (Families, Seniors and Special Needs) Subcategory				
Agency & Program Name	FY 2024 Approved Funding	FY 2025 Requested Funds	FY 2025 Recommended Funding	Program Description
Adopt-A-Family - Housing Stabilization Program	\$143,040	\$157,344	\$152,250	Program serves families, earning less than 50% of the Area Median Income, who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The program will provide financial assistance and comprehensive supportive services to prevent homelessness or to rapidly re-house families residing in shelter or living in places not meant for human habitation. Program will provide homelessness prevention services to approximately 90 low-income family households.
CILO - Senior FIND- Financial, Independence, Need, Disability*	\$44,047	\$108,401	\$47,250	Senior-FIND provides emergency financial assistance and training to seniors age 60+ with a disability to help them remain in their homes and improve their finances. Program will provide homelessness prevention services to approximately 24 senior households.
Gulfstream Goodwill Industries - Senior Homeless Prevention *	\$100,000	\$138,734	\$105,000	Gulfstream Goodwill Industries will identify seniors age 60+ in need of homeless prevention services through the coordinated entry process. Services offered include, but are not limited to, roommate matching, rent assistance, moving expenses, and case management. Program will provide homelessness prevention services to approximately 55 senior households.
The ARC of Palm Beach County - Residential Program	\$253,134	\$540,221	\$265,791	This program provides long-term, community-based housing for adults with developmental disabilities who would otherwise be living at home with aging parents, experiencing homelessness or possibly institutionalized, as many residents may not have family members who are both willing and able to care for them. The program operates four group homes that provide shelter, instruction on activities of daily living, medical case management, medication management and oversight, transportation, healthy meals, inclusive community-based social and recreational activities, and a variety of essential support services. Program will provide homelessness prevention services to approximately 40 persons with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities in group homes.
Homeless Prevention Subcategory	\$540,221	\$944,700	\$570,291	
Domestic Violence/Parks to Work Sheltering: Programs and services in this category address outcomes and performance measures that demonstrate positive change toward the goal of assisting survivors of domestic violence and persons exiting unsheltered homelessness with shelter and employment training.				
Domestic Violence/Parks to Work Sheltering Sub-Category				
Agency & Program Name	FY 2024 Approved Funding	FY 2025 Requested Funds	FY 2025 Recommended Funding	Program Description
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) - Casa Vegso	\$300,000	\$467,530	\$351,750	Program provides services to victims of domestic abuse in a safe, secure, 64-bed confidential shelter. While in shelter, they and their children receive food, on-site access to basic needs and services and benefits programs, counseling and case management. Advocacy is available to assist participants understand domestic violence warning signs; build self-esteem; develop boundaries for healthy relationships; access Injunctions for Protection and relocation assistance; and increase life skills and health and wellness. HUD ESG Match. Program will provide emergency shelter domestic violence services to approximately 80 individual and family households.

The Lord's Place, Inc. - Parks to Work	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$267,750	Program will serve unsheltered individuals aged 18 and over experiencing unsheltered literal homelessness in Palm Beach County (Participants). The Participants will primarily come from Palm Beach County Parks. The program's Participants transition from unsheltered homelessness to permanent housing and employment. P2W program will connect the Participants to shelter, subsidized job training, resources, skills instruction, and assist them to successfully transition to permanent housing and unsubsidized employment.
Young Women's Christian Association of Palm Beach County (YWCA) - Harmony House	\$121,234	\$226,099	\$141,750	Program is a 72-bed emergency domestic violence shelter for women and child victims of domestic violence who are in imminent danger of harm and receive victim-centered and empowerment-based services.
Domestic Violence/Parks to Work Sheltering Sub-total	\$671,234	\$943,629	\$761,250	
Rapid Rehousing: Programs and services in this category address ending homelessness for individuals, families and youth, via Housing First approach that rapidly connects individuals, families, and youth experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services				
Rapid Rehousing Sub-Category				
Agency & Program Name	FY 2024 Approved Funding	FY 2025 Requested Funds	FY 2025 Recommended Funding	Program Description
Adopt-A-Family - Rapid ReHousing Program at the Homeless Resource Center	\$131,950	\$309,972	\$317,432	The Rapid Re-Housing program provides up to 12 months of declining rental subsidy, housing focused case management, and linkage to community resources to provide the family households with ample time and opportunity to stabilize and establish the ability to maintain rent independently. Operating out of the Family Division of the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center and in cooperation with Palm Beach County's coordinated entry system.
Young Women's Christian Association of Palm Beach County (YWCA) - Persimmon Housing Initiative (PHI)	\$0	\$247,354	\$231,508	Program provides up to 12 months of declining rental subsidy, utility assistance, housing focused case management, and linkage to community resources to provide the households served with ample time and opportunity to stabilize and establish the ability to maintain rent independently for homeless youth ages 18-24, and/or individuals ages 25 and over, and/or families with at least one (1) adult and one (1) child under the age of 18. New Project. HUD Continuum of Care Match.
Rapid Rehousing Sub-total	\$131,950	\$557,326	\$548,940	
Permanent Supportive Housing Sub-Category				
Agency & Program Name	FY 2024 Approved Funding	FY 2025 Requested Funds	FY 2025 Recommended Funding	Program Description
Adopt-A-Family - Project SAFE	\$111,968	\$123,164	\$129,322	Program provides 128 beds of permanent supportive housing to homeless families with documented disabilities. In addition to provision of affordable, permanent housing supportive services such as case management, advocacy, budgeting, mental health counseling, access to education and job training, financial literacy, and childcare are offered to families. HUD Continuum of Care Match.
Children's Case Management Organization - Bridges to Success	\$49,000	\$53,900	\$56,595	Program is a community-based scattered site collaborative which provides permanent supportive housing in the western communities of Royal Palm Beach, Belle Glade and Pahokee. 100% of families served are referred through the Philip D Lewis Homeless Resource Center. The intensity and duration program activities are based on the individual family's needs as they vary. Some activities address basic needs, referral for medical or psychiatric care, employment skills and money management. The program operates 10 permanent supportive housing units. HUD Continuum of Care Match.

The Lord's Place - Permanent Supportive Housing Programs	\$307,438	\$494,800	\$518,700	Programs offer weekly case management meetings, counseling, life skill classes and other services to combat intergenerational homelessness and prevent future homelessness by providing solution-focused housing in which each household receives the necessary time and tools to rebuild lives on an individualized, case by case basis. Program operates 86 permanent supportive housing units. HUD Continuum of Care Match.
Vita Nova Village - Permanent Supportive Housing	\$0	\$187,975	\$145,940	Program will add a permanent supportive housing option for young adults with disabilities aged 18 – 25. Permanent Housing options for this population will dovetail with the programs that are currently in place to prevent homelessness. New Project. HUD Continuum of Care Match.
PSH Homelessness Sub-total	\$1,157,583	\$859,839	\$850,557	
TOTALS FOR ALL SUBCATEGORIES	\$2,500,988	\$3,305,494	\$2,731,038	

FY 2024 FINANCIALLY ASSISTED AGENCIES (FAA) FUNDING

HIGHLIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

July 2, 2024

OVERVIEW

- The funding priorities for Financially Assisted Agencies (FAA) Housing and Homelessness program area were homeless prevention that provides financial assistance; emergency shelter domestic violence/Parks to Work; rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing and housing focused case management for youth, individuals and/or families with documented disabilities. The funding priority for prevention services focuses on families with children, seniors and Special Needs/Developmental Disabilities was Housing (group Homes) for individuals or families with documented disabilities.
- An added Continuous Quality Management program has been included in all projects funded under this category. This allows agencies to use 5% of their award for a project that will improve their program outcomes.
- Outcomes for funded programs are finalized during contract negotiations. Staff utilizes outcome performance and data reports during monitoring site visits and throughout the year to ensure agencies have a clear understanding of the performance expectations of the contracted services. Service effectiveness reports are utilized when considering future funding. An outcome performance report is posted on the Community Services Department's website annually.
- As is currently part of FAA contracts, all Nonprofits First certified agencies receiving funding in FY 2025 will be eligible for reimbursement of certification renewal fees within their contract. They may set aside the necessary amount, as an administrative expense, in the final approved allocation if they are not able to pay for it out of their existing agency budget. Staff continues to work with Nonprofits First to streamline the program monitoring process in order to avoid possible duplication of administrative review conducted through the certification process. In FY 2016, the Non-Profit First Certification became optional for FAA agencies that provide documentation of certification from another funding or oversight body recognized by their industry or if the agency has received two (2) consecutive monitoring reports from FAA with no findings. There are currently three (3) agencies that have been granted an exemption. Additionally, agencies funded for services under the Housing and Homelessness subcategories will be required to participate in the Continuum of Care known as the Housing and Homeless Alliance.

FAA HOUSING AND HOMELESSNES NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was issued for one (1) of the three (3) FAA competitive service categories: Housing and Homelessness. The Housing and Homelessness NOFO included five (5) subcategories: Homeless Prevention; Emergency Shelter Domestic Violence/Parks to Work; Rapid Rehousing; Permanent Supportive Housing; and Supportive Services Only.
- Partners represented during the NOFO process included Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Children's Case Management Organization (CCMO), Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, The ARC of Palm Beach County, The Lord's Place, YWCA, and Vita Nova, Inc.
- A notice for the NOFO process, guidelines, and criteria was entered into the Palm Beach County Vendor Self Services (VSS) system prior to the proposal being made available to the public. Proposal details and required forms were available to the public on March 15, 2024. All potential proposal applicants were encouraged to attend a Technical Assistance Conference in person on March 22, 2024, or to certify they watched the recording of the Technical Assistance conference. All proposals were due back to the Community Services Department through the online application website no later than 12:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024.
- After NOFOs was complete – Eight (8) agencies submitted proposals for Housing and Homelessness projects representing thirteen (13) different programs in four (4) of the five (5) subcategories. Staff is recommending funding for all eight (8) agencies representing thirteen (13) different programs. No proposal were submitted under the Supportive Services Only subcategory.

FAA NOFO Process

- A formal review process is established for the submitted proposals. Two (2) Non-Conflict Review Panels were created for two (2) of the four (4) subcategories and tasked with reading and providing comments based on the approved criteria. Each panel was comprised of at three (3) subject matter experts and one (1) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) member. The subject matter experts represented a combination of homeless service providers and service experts in the county and had no affiliation with any proposal submitted. All reviewers were thoroughly trained prior to the panels.
- Any members of the public who attended the review panels were given time for public comments prior to the review deliberations. Once all public comments were heard, there was no further interaction between the review panel members and the audience.
- All proposals were scored on the six (6) proposal sections: Project Narrative, Evaluation Approach, Prior Outcomes and Response to Community Data, Data Management, Partnerships, Resources and Collaboration and Budget. Once proposals were scored, review panel members ranked all of the proposals according to how critical their services were for the system of care and their responsiveness to the funding priorities. A Ranking Guide, mirroring the funding priorities, was provided to the review panelist as a resource and was included in the NOFO guidance.
- Staff consolidated all panel review comment forms and score sheets. Staff reviewed suitability of funding in compliance with Board direction using a funding logic considering the most competitive, critical, cost effective, quality services that align with established funding priorities.
- A 5% increase in funding to provide Continuous Quality Management services is included in the recommended for the Housing and Homelessness service category. Level funding is recommended for all renewals.
- Contracts are now a multi-year, three-year cycle. This was completed incrementally over the last three (3) years as service categories went through the competitive procurement process. This year, the Behavioral Health contracts will be extended for an additional year, due to the NOFO process being delayed for a year. This four (4) year contract cycle will allow the cycles to be realigned to their regular pattern of a different category going out to NOFO every year. The Housing and Homelessness contracts will be for three (3) years.

There were several steps in the review process:

1. Department staff completed an internal review of the basic eligibility criteria, which included the following:
 - a. Receipt of proposal by deadline;
 - b. Certificate of Corporation from Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations at sunbiz.org, dated within twelve (12) months of the due date of the Proposal/Application. The certificate must state on its face that the Proposer is 'active';
 - c. Proof of 501c3 status;
 - d. Certification of attending or viewing the at the NOFO Technical Assistance Conference or review of the recording
2. Department staff presented an overview of their assessments on the proposals' Evaluation Approach and Budget sections to the review panel. The criteria used by Department staff to evaluate the proposals mirrored the criteria in the NOFO Guidance and the Review Panelist Proposal Score Sheet.
3. Department staff also reviewed the program and fiscal performance history of the applicants that currently receive FAA funding with the review panelists.

FAA BUDGET INCREASE

- Additional dollars are recommended in the Housing and Homelessness category.