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Meeting Agenda

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Written analyses and notes for the below listed items are attached for your consideration:

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Agenda Item: 3(C)
File Number: 111317
**Committee(s)
of Reference:** Public Safety and Healthcare Admin Committee
Date of Analysis: July 10, 2011
Type of Item: Resolution

Summary

This resolution authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to apply for, receive, and expend funds from the State of Florida (State) through the Department of Children and Families (DCF), in an annual amount not to exceed \$100,000 under the State Challenge Grant. The funding will be used to provide match funding for community based organizations that provide homeless housing and supportive services.

This resolution also recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to negotiate and execute contracts with the state or their agents; to negotiate and execute subcontracts with one or more not-for-profit service providers selected through the Request for Application (RFA) process issued through the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust.

Background and Relevant Information

According to DCF’s website, the Challenge Grant was created in 2001; the homeless assistance Challenge Grant is available to assist in implementing the services and activities contained within local homeless continuums of care plans. This locally developed plan details the community vision for how to coordinate efforts to prevent homelessness; provide outreach to those who become homeless to direct them to services; to provide emergency sheltering; ensure the availability of supportive services to address health, education, employment, and family needs; and to make permanent housing available.

The grant can fund any activity that is contained within this continuum of care. The funding is available on an annual competitive application process. The designated lead agency of the local continuum of care effort is the eligible applicant. The lead agency may apply on behalf of any of the local providers of service or housing, consistent with their local plan.

The Homeless Trust has identified and approved the use of the State Challenge Grant for match funding to the homeless US HUD grants and serves as a pass-through for any funding that may result from this grant. The Homeless Trust does not retain any administrative fees under this program.

**Selection Committee Recommendations-
2011 State Challenge Grants Request for Applications**

A memo, dated June 29, 2011, from the Executive Director of the Homeless Trust to the County Manager states that the Selection Committee for the Request for Applications (RFA) for inclusion in the State of Florida, Department of Children & Families (DCF) Challenge Grant Application met on June 29, 2011, to evaluate and rank applications submitted in response to the RFA. A total of 21 applications were received.

The Selection Committee reviewed the applications within priority categories established by the RFA. Applications were evaluated and ranked based on the evaluation/selection criteria set forth in the RFA, focusing on but not limited to, performance and utilization. The total application to the State under the Challenge grant is anticipated to be \$130,131. Twenty one (21) applications were received.

According to the memo, the Selection Committee felt strongly that performance should be rewarded and only the highest scoring local applications should be recommended for funding in each of the lower tiers. As such, 19 of the applications submitted are recommended for funding under the \$100,000 level (18 fully funded and one partial to consume the balance), eleven (11) applications under the \$63,397 level (ten (10) fully and one partial to consume the balance).

See attached score sheet.

Additional Information

In response to questions posed by the Office of the Commission Auditor, Homeless Trust staff provided the following information:

- When did the Homeless Trust issue the RFA? *The RFA was issued on June 8, 2011. The State issued their RFP on June 10, 2011 and we issued our RFA in anticipation of their competitive process on June 8, 2011. The Trust's deadline was June 27, 2011. The Trust turned the RFA around in 21 days. The State was delayed this year as the Governor had eliminated all State homeless programs from the budget at the beginning of the legislative session. This program did maintain its funding. Due to various County's having to obtain Commission approval, the State has since extended their July 15, 2011 deadline to August 9, 2011.*
- How was the RFA advertised? *Through the Daily Business Review.*
- Was the advertisement issued in all three languages (English, Spanish and Creole)? If applicable, please include a copy in the three languages. *Since the use of these funds are limited to match for our Federal HUD grants, only CBO's that receive HUD Supportive Housing Funding through the Trust are eligible. All agencies were notified.*
- What is the anticipated impact to Miami-Dade County? *The funds, if awarded by the State, will provide match funding for CBO's for HUD homeless grants.*
- Which districts will benefit from these services? *County wide*

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Attachment: State Grants Score Sheet Challenge 2011 provided by the Office of the Homeless Trust

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM

CHALLENGE GRANT MATCH		DR - Chairperson	FO	MP	DS	JLF (Alternate)					
							Total Score	Avg. Score	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended \$100,000	Amount Recommended \$63,397
Name of Organization	Name of Program										
Jewish Community Services of South FL, Inc.	Project H.O.P.E.	110	110	110		330	110	\$ 17,619.00	\$ 17,619.00	\$ 17,619.00	
Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	Legal Services	110	110	110		330	110	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Camillus House, Inc.	Mental Health Initiative	110	108	108		326	108.67	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00	
Camillus House, Inc.	Matt Talbot House	107	106	105		318	106	\$ 594.00	\$ 594.00	\$ 594.00	
Citrus Health Network, Inc.	KIVA	110	104	104		318	106	\$ 9,657.00	\$ 9,657.00	\$ 9,657.00	
New Hope C.O.R.P.S.	Regeneration	100	108	105		313	104.33	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,600.00	
Camillus House, Inc.	Brother Mathias Place	100	105	102		307	102.33	\$ 990.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 990.00	
Carrfour Supportive Housing	Harding Village-Permanent	100	100	100		300	100	\$ 6,515.00	\$ 6,515.00	\$ 6,515.00	
Fellowship House	Coconut Grove I	100	100	100		300	100	\$ 2,937.00	\$ 2,937.00	\$ 2,937.00	
Fellowship House	Coconut Grove II	100	100	100		300	100	\$ 876.00	\$ 876.00	\$ 876.00	
Fellowship House	South Dade (Scattered Sites)	100	100	100		300	100	\$ 10,201.00	\$ 10,201.00	\$ 7,709.00	
Carrfour Supportive Housing	Little River Bend	100	100	97		297	99	\$ 5,815.00	\$ 5,815.00		
Camillus House, Inc.	Brother Kelly Place I	90	95	95		280	93.333	\$ 1,738.00	\$ 1,738.00		
Camillus House, Inc.	Sommerville Residence	90	90	90		270	90	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00		
Carrfour Supportive Housing	THOP	90	90	90		270	90	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00		
Lutheran Services Florida	Partners for Home	90	90	90		270	90	\$ 6,184.00	\$ 6,184.00		
Lutheran Services Florida	Access Program	85	90	85		260	86.667	\$ 5,538.00	\$ 5,538.00		
Volunteers of America	Hogar 2	80	88	87		255	85	\$ 6,201.00	\$ 6,201.00		
Volunteers of America	Hogar 1	90	80	80		250	83.333	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 1,085.00		
Camillus Health Concern, Inc.	Project Dade Cares	80	80	80		240	80	\$ 23,000.00			
Lutheran Services Florida	New Beginnings	80	79	75		234	78	\$ 3,014.00			

Chairperson Signature