

## **GRACE Marketplace (GRACE): City of Gainesville Historical Funding Summary**

### **City of Gainesville General Fund – From FY 19-20 through FY 23-24**

The City of Gainesville entered into a five year agreement with GRACE that will expire in FY 23-24. The amount of General Fund revenue committed to services for GRACE operations on an annual basis from FY 19-20 through FY 23-24 is \$1,500,000. In FY 19-20, Alachua County provided reimbursement to the City of Gainesville as indicated below.

- \$1,500,000 – FY 19-20 – Alachua County reimbursed the City \$500,000
- \$1,500,000 – FY 20-21 – Alachua County reimbursed the City \$250,000
- \$1,500,000 – FY 21-22
- \$1,500,000 – FY 22-23
- \$1,500,000 – FY 23-24 – Proposed a \$450,000 reduction to \$1,050,000

The obligation of the City's continued contribution of funding remains contingent upon specific annual appropriations by the City.

It is important to note that in FY 19-20 and FY 20-21, the City also paid additional costs associated with transitional campground operations and startup costs, as well as additional fencing and security costs for the closure of Dignity Village.

- \$627,347  
In FY 19-20, Alachua County reimbursed the City \$250,000

### **General Fund – Proposed Changes in Funding for FY23-24**

- The City Commission heard a June 14<sup>th</sup> proposal to cut the FY 2024 funding for GRACE Marketplace by 50%.
  - This would have reduced the amount going to GRACE from \$1,500,000 to \$750,000.
- At the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Commission voted to restore \$300,000 of the funding
  - The current amount in the Proposed FY 2024 Operating Budget for GRACE is \$1,050,000, \$450,000 less than FY 23.

### **Downtown Outreach**

On April 1, 2021, the City Commission approved \$201,000 from the Downtown Redevelopment Trust Fund to provide funding for homeless outreach in the downtown area. This funding covered three (3) fulltime outreach street workers; four tenths of a position for supervision; \$8,000 for travel and ten percent for administrative cost.

In order to expand the service area beyond downtown, on October 1, 2022, the City Commission approved the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support GRACE Marketplace. At that time, tax increment financing (TIF) funding was ceased. With \$400,000 from ARPA, services were expanded to include five (5) outreach street workers, mental health services through UF-Health; travel; and administrative cost covering services six (6) days a week. Since that allocation of ARPA funds to Grace, the City has allocated additional ARPA funding. A summary of ARPA funding is below.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – \$1,410,000 - No Changes in Funding**

(Expenditure deadline for ARPA Funding, December 31, 2026)

- 400,000 for FY23 Outreach Services
  - This contract originally covered 10/1/2022 – 9/30/2023.
  - GRACE Marketplace requested an extension that would allow the organization to first leverage funds with an earlier closing date; the extension was approved.
  - Pending completion, the extension would allow the contract to continue through 11/30/2023.
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- \$750,000 Aid to Nonprofit Organizations grant; divided as follows:
  - \$370,000 for Salary and Fringe
    - This provides for a housing stabilization case manager and a safety advocate.
  - \$300,000 for Building Renovation
    - There is an amendment pending on this amount that would transfer it to salary and fringe and provide for the addition of eligible positions: advocate, finance manager, director of grants, housing specialist.
  - \$80,000 for COVID Hotel Stays, Transportation, Personal Protective Equipment, Supplies, Test Kits
- \$260,000 for Security Improvements
  - This is to fund a security fence and surveillance cameras

It should also be noted that the City owns the facility where GRACE provides their services (3055 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Drive). Over the last five years, the City has expended in excess of \$1,100,000 in renovations and maintenance to the facility with more repairs pending for air conditioning repairs.