



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00343**

**Agenda Date: 4/23/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Request to add 4.5 new Full Time Equivalent (FTE)'s for the Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program (COrE) for the Court Services Department.**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

The Court Services Department is requesting 4.5 FTEs for the Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program (COrE). The 4.5 FTE's being requested consist of: Emergency Medical Services Attendant 1.0 FTE, Peer Specialist 1.5 FTE, Case Manager I 1.0 FTE and a Mental Health Counselor 1.0 FTE All of these staff will sign an acknowledgement of grant funded position and they will go away if funding ends.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the addition of 4.5 FTEs for the grant funded COrE Program

**Prior Board Motions:**

3/26/2024 Lutheran Services of Florida Amendment 117, Agena item #24-0242 approved the agreement and the funding for the COrE Program

**Fiscal Note:**

\$1.3m 138.36.3613.334.6900 Project Code 3243601

\$1.3m 138.36.3613.569 Various Accounts Project Code 3243601

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity

**Background:**

States are in the process of implementing administrative structures to disburse an expected \$50 billion awarded to states and localities from opioid-related lawsuits, which includes \$26 billion awarded to 46 states as part of the National Opioid Lawsuit.

Florida's part of the settlement is an estimated \$3.2 billion. The amount will vary each year, with the first payment likely being the largest. The money from the settlement is to be used solely for the purpose of remediating and abating the impact of the opioid crisis.

**Alachua County Program Goals:**

Increase access to recovery services for citizens at -risk for overdose. Recovery services include social program benefits to increase stable housing, employment support, access to primary care,

access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), as well as mental health services. Provide outpatient counseling and support as well as peer coaching and mentoring. Increase harm reduction services available to the community to include distribution of free Narcan and Fentanyl Testing Strips (FTS) and provision of community outreach and education. Reduce the number of drug overdoses in the County. Become a best-practice site for CORE planning and implementation. The 4.5 FTEs being requested consist of; Emergency Medical Services Attendant 1.0 FTE, Peer Specialist 1.5 FTE, Case Manager I 1.0 FTE and a Mental Health Counselor 1.0 FTE.