

Alachua County, FL

Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Lutheran Services of Florida Agreement for the FY2024-25 Mobile Integrated Health Clinic Program.

Presenter:

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Description:

Lutheran Services of Florida Agreement for the FY2024-25 Mobile Integrated Health Clinic Program for \$1,006,384.00 grant funds and the addition of 2.0 Full Time Employees (FTEs)

Recommended Action:

Approve Agreement, Adopt the Resolution, Approve the Budget Amendment, and authorize 2.0 additional FTEs (1 EMS Attendant and 1 EMT Driver)

Prior Board Motions:

On March 26, 2024, The Board approved Amendment 117 which provided for the Opioid Settlement funding (Item #2024-242)

On May 14, 2024, the Board approved the addition of 4.5 FTEs for the program (Item #2024-343)

Fiscal Note:

The FY2024-25 Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF) Agreement for the Mobile Integrated Health Clinic program provides \$1,006,384.00 of funding for the Mobile Integrated Health Clinic (MIHC) (138.54.5413.334.6900 State Grants Other Human Services). The LSF approved budget includes the addition of 2.0 FTEs (1 EMS Attendant and 1 EMT Driver) at an estimated cost of \$139,797 (138.54.5413.529.12.10 Reg Salary Adj for Budget Only), \$496,587.00 for Operating equipment and supplies (138.54.5413.529 Various Operating line items), and \$370,000.00 for Capital Outlay (138.54.5413.529.64.00 Capital Equipment).

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

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 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 received \$1.3M for FY2023-24 Year 1. Program goals include:

- Increase access to Recovery Services.
- 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, 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 program team anticipates making a program presentation for the Board in coming months. Staff recommends the FY2024-25 funds be used to add 2.0 FTEs (1.0 EMS Attendant Paramedic; 1.0 EMT Driver), additional medical equipment, Mobile Narcan trailers (2), Narcan cabinets, and two response vehicles.