



Agenda Item Summary

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Request for Application (RFA) 26-44-PM Annual Gun Violence Prevention Grant (GVPG) for Grant Review Committee Award Recommendations for Community Support Services.

Presenter:

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Description:

Ranking of RFA 26-44-PM Annual Gun Violence Prevention Grant (GVPG) for Community Support Services and approval of award recommendations.

Recommended Action:

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate agreements for RFA 26-44-PM Annual Gun Violence Prevention Grant Review Committee Award Recommendations:

1. Kids Count in Alachua County
2. IGB Education Corp
3. Florida Institute for Workforce Innovation
4. Infinite Dream Builders Corp
5. Peak Literacy
6. Gainesville Thrives
7. Dream on Purpose, Inc.

Authorize staff to negotiate agreements with the seven (7) agencies. Also delegate contract signature authority to the County Manager for all awards regardless of award amount .

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

Gun Violence budgeted in 001.04.0490.519 and will be carried forward for FY 2026. These awards are one (1) time funding.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

Dr. Labarta moved that the Board approve the budget recommendations for FY26, which was seconded by Member Pinkoson.

Carl Smart with Alachua County provided an update on their current RFA and requested unspent funds also be rolled into next year.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Gun violence is a critical public health issue in Alachua County, Florida, with disproportionate impacts on young people, communities of color, and historically underserved neighborhoods. The County seeks to adopt a Public Health Model to prevent and reduce gun violence by addressing root causes and promoting protective factors at individual, relational, community, and societal levels.

The Public Health Model emphasizes:

- Defining and monitoring the problem
- Identifying risk and protective factors
- Developing and testing prevention strategies
- Assuring widespread adoption

The goal of this funding opportunity is to support evidence-informed, community-driven interventions that reduce gun violence through primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention strategies.

Grants awarded under this program will fund projects that:

- Reduce incidents of gun violence in high-risk areas.
- Address underlying risk factors contributing to gun violence.
- Promote protective factors that buffer individuals and communities against violence.
- Foster multi-sector partnerships among public health, law enforcement, education, and community-based organizations.
- Use data-driven approaches to monitor outcomes and adapt strategies.

RFA 26-44-PM Annual Gun Violence Prevention Grant for Community Support Services was released on November 13, 2024. The deadline for receipt of RFA 26-44-PM Annual Gun Violence Prevention Grant for Community Support Services was December 18, 2024; eleven (11) vendors responded. Two (2) vendor responses were disqualified due to minimum response requirements not met.

The project details can be found here:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/alachuacounty/projects/171966>