



September 8, 2020

To: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
and the Board of County Commissioners

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Subject: Approval of Amendment No.6, Contract Y18-2000, Homeless Shelter
Prevention/Diversion Services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Amendment No. 6, Contract Y18-2000, Homeless Shelter Prevention/Diversion Services, with the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc., in the amount of \$250,000 for a revised total contract amount of \$880,000.

PROCUREMENT:

This amendment provides funding for additional case management staff to the current shelter prevention and diversion services.

FUNDING:

Funding for this project is available in account 0001-062-2504-8610.

APPROVALS:

The Mental Health and Homelessness Division concurs with this recommendation.

REMARKS:

The Board approved contract Y18-2000, on January 9, 2018. The Mental Health and Homelessness Division currently funds the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc. to provide diversion services from shelter/homelessness, rapid exit from shelter, and case management staff for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funded through the Orange County Housing and Community Development. SHIP funding does not allow for funding of staff for supportive services but requires that case managers work alongside these families and individuals while engaged in the intervention. These services are offered to Orange County residents meeting certain criteria.

Approval of Amendment No.6, Contract Y18-2000, Homeless Shelter Prevention/Diversion Services.

The Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, is the largest provider of homeless sheltering services in Central Florida. Additionally, they are currently the only shelter within Orange County providing services through the Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System of which Orange County is a participant. This community wide system is designed to prioritize families and individuals for limited housing resources and shelter beds using a vulnerability assessment. Prioritization ensures that the most vulnerable are provided with scarce resources first.

Prior to this year's County budget planning, the Coalition for the Homeless Chief Operating Officer requested additional dollars to fund extra staff to meet the growing needs of the community. Many of the current staff carry high caseloads which does not prove effective in preventing homelessness or rehousing families and individuals that have become homeless. These funds will add 4 additional staff that will ensure that qualifying Orange County individuals and families presenting for shelter or currently in shelter are housed appropriately.

Previous contract amendments are as follows:

- Amendment No. 1: Renewed the contract for an additional one-year term from March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. Scope of Services, Attachment A was replaced with revised Scope of Services Attachment A at no cost to the total amount of the contract.
- Amendment No.2: Attachment B-1, Budget was revised and replaced with Attachment B-2, Budget at no cost to the total amount of the contract.
- Amendment No.3: Renewed the contract for a one-year term from March 1, 2020 through February 29, 2021. Scope of Services Attachment A-1 and Attachment B-2 Budget form were revised and replaced. Increased the total estimated contract amount by \$80,000, for a revised total contract amount of \$480,000. The Board approved this amendment on January 28, 2020.
- Amendment No.4: Attachment B-3, Budget form was revised and replaced with Attachment B-3 (Rv1) Budget form with no change to cost.
- Amendment No.5: The total amount of the contract was increased by \$150,000, for a revised total contract amount of \$630,000. The Board approved this amendment on August 11, 2020.