



Interoffice Memorandum

September 18, 2023

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Y24-2207, Health Services Drug Court Program

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contract Y24-2207, Health Services Drug Court Program, with Recovery Connections of Central Florida Inc., in the total contract award amount of \$189,992.44 for a one-year term.

Further request Board authorization for the Procurement Division to renew the contract for four additional one-year terms.

PROCUREMENT:

This contract will provide services aimed at improving and increasing participants' ability to sustain long-term recovery. Under this contract, the vendor is responsible for providing peer led recovery support services for the Drug Court program.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 1257-060-0395-8610.

APPROVALS:

The Health Services Department concurs with this recommendation.

Remarks:

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Part 1, Chapter 17, Article III, Section 17-286 - Application and Exclusions, agreements between the Board and nonprofit organizations are excluded from competitive procurement requirements.

Drug courts utilize a multidisciplinary team approach to treat eligible and appropriate drug addicted individuals involved in the criminal justice system. The court provides review and oversight with swift and effective consequences for violation of program rules as well as

incentives and rewards for compliance. Treatment follows a graduated model with constant drug testing and monitoring. Although consequences such as detention may occur, the focus and goal remain to modify behavior to eliminate the cycle of substance abuse and recurring crime. Through this contract, Recovery Connections of Central Florida Inc. will be responsible for providing peer led recovery support services for the Drug Court Program. Certified Recovery Peer Specialists will prioritize building social support for our clients through recovery support specialist staff. This project is designed to bridge the gap between mandated treatment and community resources to demonstrate the benefits of a comprehensive, system-wide approach to treatment. Certified Recovery Peer Specialists will support Drug Court clients to obtain, improve, and retain the skills, knowledge, tools and support they need to recovery.