



Interoffice Memorandum

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Federal Subrecipient Agreement Y22-2219, Providing the
Upstream Model with Orange County Public Schools

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Federal Subrecipient Agreement Y22-2219, Providing the Upstream Model with Orange County Public Schools, between Orange County and Chapin Hall Center for Children, for a federal subaward in an amount not-to-exceed \$294,000.

Request delegation of authority for the Procurement Division Manager or designee to execute such Federal Subrecipient Agreement on a form approved by the Orange County Attorney's Office and the Risk Management Division. Further request authorization for the Procurement Division to renew the term of the Subaward for two additional one-year terms, dependent on the County receiving additional funding from the Federal Awarding Agency.

PURPOSE:

This agreement will define the working relationship between Orange County, Florida and Chapin Hall Center for Children, the Federal Subrecipient, for the subaward period of performance of January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in accounting line 5825-062-8168-8610. This subaward is issued from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) allocation received by the County on September 28, 2022.

APPROVALS:

The Mental Health and Homelessness Issues Division concurs with this recommendation.

DISCUSSION:

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

The department’s grant application stipulated they would engage with Chapin Hall Center for Children (Chapin Hall) in conducting a U.S. adaptation and evaluation of the Upstream Model, a collaborative approach involving schools and community-based partners to prevent student homelessness and school dropout.

This is a non-construction Congressional award from Congresswoman Demings for one-year funding through SAMHSA to support the planning and implementation of the Upstream Model. Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago intends to partner with Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) and Avenues for Life in Orlando, Florida, to conduct a U.S. adaptation and evaluation of the Upstream model.

Orange County schools serve approximately 5,634 students experiencing housing instability or homelessness. This number likely underestimates the true prevalence of housing instability among students (Morton, Dworsky, & Samuels, 2017). The consequences of housing instability on student development are profound, particularly as related to mental health. OCPS have expressed interest in partnering with Chapin Hall to implement a phased rollout of a multi-system model to conduct a universal screening of students and connect those in need to wraparound services. OCPS has expressed a need for a prevention approach that will better meet the needs of students (and families) at risk for or experiencing homelessness.

The district has identified that some schools serve a disproportionate number of students experiencing homelessness, while others serve relatively few. Chapin Hall shall contract with OCPS and Avenues for Life to adapt the Upstream model in Orange County with hopes of piloting in two schools. The intention is to select and roll out a pilot from two feeder patterns (one with a high and one with a moderate homeless count, chosen by OCPS) in year one, with the goal to enroll a total of six schools from the feeder patterns to participate in the following years. This phased approach will provide the opportunity to all partners to adjust the model in a variety of school settings and ensure feasibility to roll out this model with fidelity across the district. Chapin Hall will work across partners to convene a youth advisory board and promote parent and family engagement, soliciting input and feedback on the implementation of the Upstream model.