



Interoffice Memorandum

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

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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Y19-1133, Implement and Manage the Dependency System of the State of Florida Child Welfare Services in Circuits 9 and 18

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contract Y19-1133, Implement and Manage the Dependency System of the State of Florida Child Welfare Services in Circuits 9 and 18, with Community Based Care of Central Florida in the amount of \$400,000 for the grant period through June 30, 2019.

PURPOSE:

This contract will reallocate unused funds initially earmarked by the state of Florida to Great Oaks Village (GOV) to Community Based Care of Central Florida (CBCCFL) for subcontracted residential group care services. CBCCFL will serve as the lead agency to distribute these funds to support children placed in group care settings outside of GOV but within Circuits 9 and 18. Circuits 9 and 18 encompass Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Brevard Counties.

The community based care program is designed to transition child protective services to local providers within the circuit and ensure the safety and well-being of the children in their care. The program also ensures that the services provided are holistic in scope and recognizes the link between children, families, school, and the community.

FUNDING:

Funding is available through Contract GJ502, a subaward received from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in the amount of \$2,686,963 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Social Services Block Grant and Foster Care-Title IV-E federal awards with DCF serving as the Federal Awarding Agency's pass-through entity. The contract allows the County to use a portion of the subaward to subcontract with the Agency for the provision of residential group care services.

REMARKS:

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

GOV is within Circuit 9 and serves both Circuits 9 and 18. Unlike other not-for-profit community based care providers, GOV is contracted directly with DCF to provide child welfare services for children who have been abused, neglected, and/or abandoned. The Florida State Legislature specifically earmarked \$2,686,963 for GOV. Due to the reduction in the number of children that will be placed at GOV during the 2018/19 fiscal year, GOV will not draw down the entire allocation.

Therefore, DCF provided, within its 2018/19 fiscal year contract with the County, the ability to subcontract with the CBCCF to apply unused funds to services for children they place in other residential group care settings. In essence, this action would represent a pass-through that will ensure the dollars earmarked for GOV during the 2018/19 fiscal year remain in the Central Florida community.