



Interoffice Memorandum

**AGENDA ITEM**

February 5, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director  
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Department

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SUBJECT: March 9, 2021 – Consent Item  
March 2021 Non-Profit Safety Grants

The Neighborhood Services Division administers the Non-Profit Safety Grant which provides funds up to \$10,000 to non-profit organizations to implement crime prevention and public safety related projects and initiatives in Orange County. This grant is supported by the local Crime Prevention Fund which also funds the Safe Neighborhoods Program, the Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District, and Orange Blossom Trail Safe Neighborhood.

After a detailed review of each grant application, the Neighborhood Services Division forwarded eight applications to the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board (NGAB) for review on January 21, 2021. Upon approval, the non-profit organization must implement the project/initiative and then be reimbursed by the County.

The NGAB is recommending approval of the March 2021 Non-Profit Safety Grants to Aspire Health Partners, Inc. (\$9,500), Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Children's Safety Village, Inc. (\$10,000), Covenant House Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc. (\$7,500), and Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. (\$5,000). The Non-Profit Safety Grants for March 2021 total \$72,000 (see attachment A). The grant requests are displayed in greater detail in attachments B through I.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board recommendations for March 2021 Non-Profit Safety Grants to Aspire Health Partners, Inc. (\$9,500), Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Children's Safety Village, Inc. (\$10,000), Covenant House Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc. (\$7,500), and Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. (\$5,000). All Districts.

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Attachments

March 2021 Non-Profit Safety Grants  
Orange County Board of County Commissioners  
March 9, 2021

**Attachment A**

<b>Non-Profit Grant Applications (March 2020)</b>				
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Description of the Projects</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>NGAB Recommendation</b>	<b>Law Enforcement Review</b>
Aspire Health Partners, Inc.	Public Opioid Awareness Project to educate citizens about the availability of Narcan	\$9,500	Approved	Yes
Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.	Conduct an 8-week Fall Prevention Class and provide home modifications to qualified individuals who have ambulatory difficulties due to a disability	\$10,000	Approved	Yes
Children's Safety Village, Inc.	An educational program for children that focuses on danger person awareness, gun safety, 911 for kids, and internet safety	\$10,000	Approved	Yes
Covenant House Florida, Inc.	Implement the Legal Assistance Program to assist youth with complying with probationary requirements	\$10,000	Approved	Yes
Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc.	Translate domestic abuse court forms and informational packets	\$10,000	Approved	Yes
Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc.	Implement a public education campaign for cybercrime prevention directed to blind and low vision residents	\$10,000	Approved	Yes
Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc.	Translate existing public safety programs for non-English speaking clients	\$7,500	Approved	Yes
Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.	Utilize billboard to provide sexual abuse survivors with education and resources in English and Spanish	\$5,000	Approved	Yes
<b>Total Request</b>		<b>\$72,000</b>		

## Attachment B

**Non-Profit Safety Grant**  
**District:** Various  
**Jurisdiction:** Orange County

<p><b>Organization Name:</b> Aspire Health Partners, Inc. <b>Request Amount:</b> \$9,500 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$9,500 <b>Law Enforcement Support Letter:</b> Yes</p>
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**Summary:** Aspire Health Partners, Inc. is committed to providing individuals and families of Central Florida with compassionate, comprehensive, and cost-effective behavioral health care services that lead to successful living and healthy, responsible lifestyles.

Aspire Health Partners, Inc. is proposing to implement the Public Opioid Awareness Project to educate citizens about the availability of Narcan through public service announcements posted at seven Lynx SuperStops, provide opioid assistance to individuals who contact Aspire's substance abuse crisis line, and inform residents about safe locations with Narcan dispensaries.

## Attachment C

**Non-Profit Safety Grant**  
**District:** Various  
**Jurisdiction:** Orange County

<p><b>Organization Name:</b> Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc. <b>Request Amount:</b> \$10,000 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$10,000 <b>Law Enforcement Support Letter:</b> Yes</p>
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**Summary:** Founded in 1976, the Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc. (CIL) serves as a role model for providing resources and accessibility options for people with disabilities.

The CIL project aims to conduct an eight-week fall prevention class for Orange County residents and provide home modifications (ramps, door widening, tub conversions, installation of grab bars, and raised toilets) to individuals with low to moderate incomes who have ambulatory difficulties due to a disability.

## Attachment D

**Non-Profit Safety Grant**  
**District:** Various  
**Jurisdiction:** Orange County

<p><b>Organization Name:</b> Children's Safety Village, Inc. <b>Request Amount:</b> \$10,000 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$10,000 <b>Law Enforcement Support Letter:</b> Yes</p>
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**Summary:** Children's Safety Village, Inc.'s mission is to prevent injuries and fatalities of children through lifesaving education, advocacy, and leadership.

Children's Safety Village, Inc. is proposing to implement an educational program for children that focuses on danger person awareness, gun safety, 911 for kids, and internet safety. The programs will be implemented through interactive hands-on and virtual exercises and be led by first responders and other experienced instructors.

## Attachment E

**Non-Profit Safety Grant**  
**District:** Various  
**Jurisdiction:** Orange County

<p><b>Organization Name:</b> Covenant House Florida, Inc. <b>Request Amount:</b> \$10,000 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$10,000 <b>Law Enforcement Support Letter:</b> Yes</p>
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**Summary:** Covenant House Florida, Inc.'s mission is to serve youth with absolute respect and unconditional love to help kids who are suffering and to protect and safeguard all children in need.

Covenant House Florida, Inc. is proposing to implement their Legal Assistance Program that is centered around youth who are homeless or experiencing housing instability with legal history and/or reported legal fees. This program will provide 24 youth the resources to comply with probationary requirements to prevent potential rearrests.

## Attachment F

**Non-Profit Safety Grant**  
**District:** Various  
**Jurisdiction:** Orange County

<p><b>Organization Name:</b> Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc. <b>Request Amount:</b> \$10,000 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$10,000 <b>Law Enforcement Support Letter:</b> Yes</p>
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**Summary:** Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc.'s mission is to prevent and eliminate domestic abuse in Central Florida by providing critical life-saving services to survivors, implementing and advancing best practices, and education and engaging the community in a united front.

Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc. is proposing to implement a language translation project to translate domestic abuse court forms and informational packets. The project will ensure domestic abuse victims have the tools needed to create a safe future for themselves and their children.



## Attachment G

**Non-Profit Safety Grant**  
**District:** Various  
**Jurisdiction:** Orange County

<p><b>Organization Name:</b> Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc. <b>Request Amount:</b> \$10,000 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$10,000 <b>Law Enforcement Support Letter:</b> Yes</p>
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**Summary:** Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc.'s mission is Charting a course for Living, Learning and Earning with vision loss.

Lighthouse of Central Florida, Inc. is proposing to implement a public education campaign focused on cybercrime and best practices related to blind and low vision residents. The campaign will help educate clients about different types of cybercrimes and how to eliminate opportunities for criminals to take advantage of their target audience, create a cybersecurity lesson plan in collaboration with Cybercrime Support Network that focuses on cybercrime prevention, and provide blind and vision impaired safety skills as it relates to cyber-attacks.

## Attachment H

**Non-Profit Safety Grant**  
**District:** Various  
**Jurisdiction:** Orange County

<p><b>Organization Name:</b> Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc. <b>Request Amount:</b> \$7,500 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$7,500 <b>Law Enforcement Support Letter:</b> Yes</p>
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**Summary:** The Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc.'s mission is to provide mental health services, support, and information to the members of our Orlando and surrounding Central Florida Community.

The Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc. is proposing to implement an Increased Language Access Project to translate existing public safety programs to non-English speaking residents who are clients in their partner programs.

## Attachment I

**Non-Profit Safety Grant**  
**District:** Various  
**Jurisdiction:** Orange County

<p><b>Organization Name:</b> Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. <b>Request Amount:</b> \$5,000 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$5,000 <b>Law Enforcement Support Letter:</b> Yes</p>
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**Summary:** Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.'s mission is to provide individuals services and resources to victims of sexual assault, violent crime, and traumatic circumstances, through crisis response, advocacy, therapy, and community awareness.

Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. is proposing to implement a public awareness campaign to provide sexual abuse survivors with education and resources in English and Spanish. Billboards with verbiage in English and Spanish will be placed throughout Orange County to build awareness about the availability of services for victims of sexual and domestic violence.