



Committee Minutes
Meeting: 10/15/2020 1:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Sallie Parks, Sara Gordils, Emery Ivery, Stacey Efaw, Bill Sturtevant, Ayakao Watkins

Committee Members Absent: n/a

Non-Voting Committee Members Listening In: Carl Lavender

Staff Support: David Bender, Cheri Wright-Jones, Brittany Baldwin, Duggan Cooley, and Dr. Barbara Morrison-Rodriguez

The meeting began at 1:00 PM, taking place by Zoom Webinar videoconference call. Six applications were reviewed with a total of \$1,259,356.00 being requested.

Additional Committee Updates/Discussion: n/a

Recusals: n/a

A total of \$1,068,118.00 was recommended for funding for five of the requests that were brought before the committee today. One request was deferred and specifics are provided below. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42PM.

Awarded Grants

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Grant Purpose	Decision Notes
Operation PAR	\$402,779.00	\$402,779.00	Funding is being requested in order to continue outpatient (telehealth) and residential services as an expansion now that COVID-19 has changed normal operations.	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on the lack of LPO's. Applicant confirmed that several partnerships are taking place with local hospital and with the Sheriffs Office. CMs overall supported the funding and moved to support request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stacey Efaw motioned to approve request - Sara Gordils seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was unanimous.

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Grant Purpose	Decision Notes
<p>Tarpon Spring Shepherd Center</p>	<p>\$68,054.00</p>	<p>\$68,054.00</p>	<p>Funds are being requested to assist with Food Drops and Home Bound Delivery processes as well as reimbursement to cover cost of hires that took place as a direct result of COVID-19</p>	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on clarification of amount being requested for Reimbursement vs. overall requested amount of \$68,054.00. CMs overall supported the funding and moved to support request with the understanding that they will continue to work with PCF staff to determine a clear reimbursement amount that will be included in the overall award amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bill Sturtevant motioned to approve request - Stacey Efaw seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was unanimous.
<p>Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services (PEMHS)</p>	<p>\$558,680.00</p>	<p>\$558,680.00</p>	<p>PEMHS seeks Pinellas Cares funding to provide a more advanced crisis line, a safer environment for patients to receive services and office space to conduct COVID-19 testing.</p>	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on the applicant sharing they they have an array of different local partnerships and explained why they are seeking funding through CARES. CMs overall supported the funding and moved to support request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ayakao Watkins motioned to approve request - Emery Ivery seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was unanimous.

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Grant Purpose	Decision Notes
<p>St. Augustine's Episcopal Church</p>	<p>\$9,150.00</p>	<p>\$9,150.00</p>	<p>Benison Farms will be expanding their food distribution services in light of COVID-19</p>	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on clarification of how the church and farm are connected, as well as clarification of the program plan. Additional comments from the committee, stated for the record, included that all income must be accounted for and reinvested in programming (and reported) if awarded. Applicant provided further clarification about how the funds will be reported and offered assurances to the committee. CMs overall supported the funding and moved to support request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sara Gordils motioned to approve request - Emery Ivery seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was unanimous.

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Grant Purpose	Decision Notes
<p>High Point Neighborhood Family Center</p>	<p>\$29,455.00</p>	<p>\$29,455.00</p>	<p>The funding will enable GPF to expand its food and meal services to reach an additional 500 clients per month who are experiencing increased need for food and other basic supplies due to unemployment and decreased opportunities for employment as a result of the pandemic.</p>	<p>Applicant answered all questions posed by CMs. Specific discussion focused on High Point NFC's relationship with GA Foods and how that led to the overall partnership with RCS. CMs overall supported the funding and moved to support request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sara Gordils motioned to approve request - Stacey Efaw seconded the motion. - Committee Approval vote was unanimous.
<p>TOTAL AWARDED:</p>		<p>\$1,068,118.00</p>		

Deferred Grants

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded		Decision Notes
<p style="text-align: center;">Inner Explorer, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$97,300.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	<p>This project was already on its way to be implemented in Pinellas County Schools; however, as a result of COVID-19, the integration has been expanded and accelerated and funds are being requested to allow implementation to a broader group faster. The project will provide Inner Explorer’s (IE) audio-guided, daily mindfulness program to 121 Pinellas County schools and remote learning locations, including all homes. Approximately 100k students, 40k families and 17k educators in the district will have access.</p>	<p>Discussion regarding whether or not this request fit into the Pinellas CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund Criteria was heavily discussed. Committee also questioned lack of LPOs and lack of supporting documentation from 6 schools currently utilizing the program in Pinellas County stating whether or not they are benefitting from the program. Some clarity was provided from Duggan Cooley, PCF CEO, stating that although IE is not based on Pinellas County, the qualification only requires proven performance and prior commitment to the community. Having documentation from the school could provide support that IE is showing an established commitment to the community; however, the lack of this documentation still left the committee struggling with whether or not this request was a good fit for the Fund. Committee Member Sara Gordils moved that the request be tabled until the November 5, 2020 CARES meeting to allow applicant to gather appropriate information and compile a document answering all outstanding committee questions. Applicant will work with PCF staff for the next two weeks to ensure that all information is gathered. In addition, PCF will discuss with Pinellas County whether or not the request meets the criteria to confirm whether or not the request will in fact be deferred or outright denied.</p>



Grant Request Overview

October 22, 2020, Committee A

Committee Leader: Sallie Parks



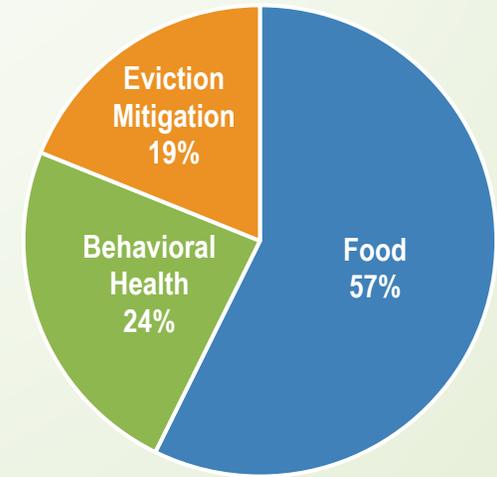
AGENDA

- I. Fund Status Update
- II. Current Application Review
- III. Next Steps
- IV. Adjournment

FUND STATUS

Amount Approved*: \$12,184,215.30
Amount Remaining: \$17,515,784.70

Amount Awarded



WEEKLY SUMMARY

Number of Requests This Week: 6

Total Amount Requested: \$ 1,259,356.00

OPERATION PAR

(BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Requested Amount: \$414,779.00

Average Score: 88%

Reviewer Comments

98%	
95%	Overall, a well written request. Important and very needed service in the community.
80%	Do they really need 10 cleaning machines? Are iPads loaned to clients?
81%	-Where would 5 bots be located? -Capital budget - allowable/vetted? -Laptops & ipads given to clients or housed at PAR - need both goals?
86%	Is there a reason that you don't use LPOs?

TARPON SPRINGS SHEPHERD CENTER (FOOD)

Requested Amount: \$68,054.00

Average Score: 84%

Reimbursement Request: \$ (TBA)

Reviewer Comments

82%	Is Thrift store loss an eligible expense? Is there more explanation on vouchers under program expense?
94%	
96%	Pleased to note that The Shepherd Center emphasizes reaching out to the elderly. Is de minimis allowed, even in retrospective funding? Is the Thrift Store loss of income allowable?
77%	Question reimbursement for loss in Thrift Store revenue. Much needed service in this community. *Budget combination reimbursement & going forward?
74%	*Fridge - reimbursement? Need documentation to show most cost effective. - difference in cost. *Thrift Store - don't believe it is allowable to reimburse for lost revenue - could reimburse for items that went unpaid due to that lost revenue.
80%	Request in the Proposal is \$161,632 and the Reimbursement is \$161,632. Explain? Did you serve 5700 individuals in September and are you on track to serve 5700 in October?

INNER EXPLORER, INC.

(BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Requested Amount: \$97,300.00

Average Score: 85%

Reviewer Comments

99%	
92%	It was difficult to understand "members served". Six schools or more? What is the age level---all ages? Is the one measurement robust enough within the time period? Overall, I support the concept of the program but unclear on some fine points.
80%	How will agency ensure that families in lower income areas have the technology to access program?
77%	Measures - defer to evaluator Healthy St Pete Foundation funding recent?
75%	Does the organization have an office in Pinellas County? I'm concerned that there are no LPO's, and I wonder if the organization can meet their objectives given the short time frame without a long term track record in Pinellas County.

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

(BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Requested Amount: \$558,680.00

Average Score: 89%

Reimbursement Amount: \$21,552.00 (Reimbursement Amt. Included in Requested Amt. listed Above)

Reimbursement Request Summary: Requesting reimbursement for PPE purchased to comply with CDC regulations and to protect clients and staff from COVID-19.

Reimbursement Vote: Vote to be taken during Committee Meeting**

Reviewer Comments

87% I liked the creative ideas of marketing their program, using murals is unique idea and will probably reach people where they are at. I would like a little more explanation on the Covid testing.

95%

97%

80% Very critical service during this time and response time extremely important.
Question if current services will be impacted while upgrades and capital improvements are taking place?

-Wellness Connection and 'You good campaign'. Other funding sources? website?

85% -Understand Covid created need to improve/change service delivery. Capital costs allowable/vetted for grant? - most cost effective?

-Foresee impact on operations/services? alot in short time.

90% How are you doing with the numbers of individuals served in September and October?



ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(FOOD)

Requested Amount: \$9,510.00

Average Score: 86%

Reimbursement Request: \$5,865.00 (Reimbursement Amt. Included in Requested Amt. listed Above)

Reimbursement Vote: 6(Yes)/ 0 (No)

Reviewer Comments

86% Grant seems to fit within funding guidelines.

94% Really like the projected growth, meals.....from 20/mo to 50/mo.

97% This program has many positive characteristics, including "teach a man to fish".....

81%

73% Assure capable of tracking program income through December.

Audit - small request overall seem capable most of budget reimbursement.

84% The plan is not so clear to me.

HIGH POINT NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY CENTER (FOOD)

Requested Amount: \$29,455.00

Average Score: 91%

Reviewer Comments

90%	The grant is easy to understand and fits within guidelines
96%	
99%	
90%	Very reasonable request given the scope and amount of food to be distributed.
78%	clients served seems high for short time? way to leverage food purchases with other organizations?
90%	What is the role of RCS as one of your LPOs? Do you still think that you will serve the same amount of people given the timing of your application?