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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

DATE: March 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program

BACKGROUND

On July 12, 2016, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") authorized the Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network to file a Notice of Intent to Submit an Application to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Review Committee for a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment grant (the "Grant"). Indian River County was successful in obtaining the Grant in the amount of \$1.2 million over a three-year period. The Grant was used to assist the Indian River County Mental Health Court program.

On January 8, 2019, the Board voted to apply for another Grant to be used to support expanded services for the mental health court program. Indian River County was again successful in obtaining the Grant in the amount of \$1.2 million over a three-year period. The Grant has been used to assist the Indian River County Mental Health Court program in expanding services and successfully diverting individuals from the criminal justice system.

On February 25, 2022, the Indian River County Public Safety Coordinating Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program voted to support the application for another Grant which will be used to support further expanded services for the mental health court program. The request for application is anticipated to be released in fall with the application being due in January 2023.

FUNDING

The Application will be for up to \$400,000 per year for three years. The Grant requires a local match equal to the amount of the Grant. The match is the portion of project property and services (staff time, fringe benefits, supplies, equipment, travel, rent, etc.) coming from other than State funds. The match may be derived from Indian River County or private sources. Both “cash” contributions and “in-kind” contributions may be utilized to satisfy the match requirement. A cash match is not required and therefore, I do not anticipate any additional funds necessary to be allocated.

RECOMMENDATION

The County Attorney’s Office recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approve the attached letter designating Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network to submit a Notice of Intent to file the application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant and authorize the chair to execute the letter. The County Attorney’s Office also recommends that the Board authorize Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network to submit a Notice of Intent to Submit an Application to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Review Committee for a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment grant.

ATTACHMENT

Designation Letter