

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA AGENDA ITEM

# **Assistant County Administrator / Department of General Services**

**Date:** August 18, 2023

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: John A. Titkanich, Jr., ICMA-CM, AICP,

**County Administrator** 

Thru: Michael Zito, Deputy County Administrator

Beth Powell, Interim General Services Director Cindy Emerson, Human Services Managing Director

From: Leigh Anne Uribe, Human Services Program Coordinator

Subject: Amendment to HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant Agreements -

FL0116L4H092215 - HMIS Coordinated Entry and FL0418L4H092210 -

**Data Quality** 

# **BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) aids homeless individuals and families by facilitating their transition into stable housing through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. In Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties, the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council (TCHSC) acts as the CoC Lead Agency, overseeing housing and essential services like healthcare and mental health counseling for the homeless. As the CoC Lead Agency, TCHSC annually applies for various HUD grants on the County's behalf, securing funding for these services. Once granted, TCHSC collaborates with the Indian River County Human Services Division to manage the funds. Indian River County was designated as the HUD grant recipient for nine specific grants which were presented and approved by the Board of County Commissioners on June 20, 2023.

#### **DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:**

Two of the grants awarded to the County include Grant ID Numbers FL0116L4H092215 and FL0418L4H092210. The two grants are specific to HMIS Coordinated Entry and Data Quality, respectively. On July 26, 2023, Indian River County received a request from the HUD grant program administrator to make an amendment to two grants which aims to simplify procedures, relieving the County from administrative work associated with monthly HUD-funded tasks like rental assistance, coordinated entry, and data quality management. Under the original approved agreements, TCHSC operates as a CoC Program subrecipient of HUD funding for Indian River County.

The two amendments remove Indian River County as the grant Recipient and replaces the recipient with the TCHSC. This will simplify the County's responsibilities and empowers TCHSC to serve as a Unified Funding Agency (UFA) under HUD, streamlining the process of obtaining and distributing grants. As an UFA, TCHSC will take on the responsibility of managing fund distribution, making project decisions, and overseeing financial aspects

independently. Given TCHSC's proven capabilities, HUD, as the CoC Lead Agency, supports the transfer of two grants from the County. With the Board's approval, the County's responsibilities will shift, allowing TCHSC direct access to grants FL0116L4H092215 and FL0418L4H092210. This shift streamlines processes and enhances Indian River County's ability to efficiently utilize these resources for the betterment of the community.

Grant Number	Project	<b>HUD Funding</b>	Performance Period
FL0116L4H092215	HMIS Coordinated Entry	\$35,400	09-01-2023 ends 08-31-2024
FL0418L4H092210	Data Quality	\$27,840	01-01-2024 ends 12-31-2024
TOTAL AWARD		\$63,240	

# **FUNDING:**

No funding is required for the subject task.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board acknowledge the amendment to the two HUD grants and authorize Chairman to execute each individual Amendment to the Continuum of Care Grant Agreement.

## **ATTACHMENTS (2):**

Amendment to the Continuum of Care Grant Agreement – Grant Number/(FAIN): FL0116L4H092215 - HMIS Coordinated Entry
Amendment to the Continuum of Care Grant Agreement - Grant Number/(FAIN): FL0418L4H092210 – Data Quality

## **DISTRIBUTION:**

Rayme Nuckles, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council Elissa Nagy, Finance Director

## **APPROVED AGENDA ITEM August 29, 2023**