



*The opioid crisis continues to impact Indian River County at alarming rates. Through this RFA process, we sought to identify providers capable of delivering evidence-based, recovery-oriented solutions that address both immediate needs and long-term sustainability. Today, we present the results of a rigorous evaluation process and our recommendations for funding under the Florida Opioid Settlement Agreement.*

## **1. Summary of the RFA Process**

- **Purpose:** The RFA was issued by Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) under the Florida Opioid Settlement Agreement to fund evidence-based opioid abatement initiatives in Indian River County.
- **Goals:** Address gaps identified in the Thrive IRC Needs Assessment, including:
  - High opioid-related deaths
  - Limited access to detox and residential treatment
  - Barriers such as transportation, childcare, and housing
- **Priority Areas:**
  - Public awareness and stigma reduction
  - Expanded access to treatment and recovery services
  - Jail-to-community transitions
  - Peer support workforce development
- **Approved Uses:** Treatment, prevention, harm reduction, criminal justice interventions, services for families, and workforce development.

### **Timeline Highlights:**

- RFA Released: September 9, 2025
- Applications Due: October 15, 2025
- Oral Presentations: November 14 & 17, 2025
- Finalists Reported: November 21, 2025
- RFA finalist report to BOCC: December 9, 2025 (tentative)



- Awards Posted: January 9, 2026
- Contract Start: April 1, 2026

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## 2. Scoring Process

- **Phase I – Written Applications**
  - Maximum: 525 points
  - Threshold: 420 points to advance
  - Criteria included:
    - Scope of Work (70 pts)
    - Staffing (50 pts)
    - Performance Measures (40 pts)
    - Budget Narrative (60 pts)
    - Recovery-Oriented System of Care, Licenses, Letters of Support, etc.
- **Phase II – Oral Presentations**
  - Evaluated by Indian River County Opioid Taskforce Committee
  - Scored on clarity, comprehensiveness, innovation, and organizational capacity
- **Final Score:** Combined average of written and oral scores

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## 3. Introduction to Recommendations

- **Selection Basis:** Highest cumulative scores, alignment with county priorities, and capacity to implement quickly.
- **Recommended Providers:**
  - Thrive - Centralized intake and referral system, Respite
  - Treasure Coast Community Health – Mobile MAT Services at Thrive
  - Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council – Housing assistance and Case Mgmt.



- New Horizons of the Treasure Coast – Detox Bed at NHTC Main Unit
- Ritelife Services – Peer Training and Apprenticeship
- **Funding Terms:** Initial 12-month contract (April 2026–March 2027)

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**Oral Presentation**

Organization	Requested Amount	Final Score	Recommended Amount	Comments
THRIVE	\$600,000	76.6	\$ 500,000.00	
TCCH	\$673,487	69.4	\$ 300,000.00	two year ask \$336,743 each year
TCHSC	\$282,000	63.6	\$ 150,000.00	
New Horizons	\$229,950	61	\$ 166,806.50	
RiteLife	\$154,712	54	\$ 100,000.00	
CF SATC	\$489,317	45		
			\$ 1,216,806.50	
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**Thrive**

Program Component	Weight	Possible Score	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Average Score	Weighted Total
Scope of Work	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	70
Discharges	5	10	8	9	6	10	8	8.2	41
Staffing	5	10	7	10	6	8	8	7.8	39
Performance Measures	4	10	8	10	8	10	8	8.8	35.2
Provider Unique Qualifications	5	10	8	10	8	10	10	9.2	46
Community Specific Unique Vendor Qualifications	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	40
Recovery Oriented System of Care	4	10	8	10	10	9	10	9.4	37.6
Opioid Settlement Approved Uses	5	10	9	10	8	10	10	9.4	47
Quality Assurance	3	10	8	10	8	7	8	8.2	24.6
Applicable Licenses	3	10	10	10	10	9	10	9.8	29.4
Letters of Support (minimum of 3)	1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Budget and Budget Narrative	6	10	10	9	10	10	8	9.4	56.4
Narrative does not exceed 10 pages	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Total</b>									<b>481.2</b>
Oral Presentations			75	78	80	75	75	383	76.6
<b>Final Score</b>									<b>557.8</b>

**Treasure Coast Community Health**

Program Component	Weight	Possible Score	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Average Score	Weighted Total
Scope of Work	7	10	8	10	8	9	9	8.8	61.6
Discharges	5	10	8	7	8	9	6	7.6	38
Staffing	5	10	9	10	8	8	9	8.8	44
Performance Measures	4	10	7	8	6	8	8	7.4	29.6
Provider Unique Qualifications	5	10	8	9	10	10	9	9.2	46
Community Specific Unique Vendor Qualifications	4	10	8	9	8	10	10	9	36
Recovery Oriented System of Care	4	10	8	9	8	8	8	8.2	32.8
Opioid Settlement Approved Uses	5	10	8	10	8	10	10	9.2	46
Quality Assurance	3	10	8	9	8	9	8	8.4	25.2
Applicable Licenses	3	10	10	10	8	10	10	9.6	28.8
Letters of Support (minimum of 3)	1	10	10	10	6	10	10	9.2	9.2
Budget and Budget Narrative	6	10	10	9	6	10	8	8.6	51.6
Narrative does not exceed 10 pages	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Total</b>									<b>453.8</b>
Oral Presentations			65	75	70	65	72	347	69.4

**Final Score**

**523.2**

**Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council**

Program Component	Weight	Possible Score	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Average Score	Weighted Total
Scope of Work	7	10	8	9	8	8	8	8.2	57.4
Discharges	5	10	9	7	6	10	6	7.6	38
Staffing	5	10	7	8	8	8	6	7.4	37
Performance Measures	4	10	6	8	6	8	5	6.6	26.4
Provider Unique Qualifications	5	10	8	10	6	9	8	8.2	41
Community Specific Unique Vendor Qualifications	4	10	8	10	6	9	8	8.2	32.8
Recovery Oriented System of Care	4	10	8	9	6	10	8	8.2	32.8
Opioid Settlement Approved Uses	5	10	8	10	8	10	10	9.2	46
Quality Assurance	3	10	8	10	6	9	6	7.8	23.4
Applicable Licenses	3	10	10	8	8	10	8	8.8	26.4
Letters of Support (minimum of 3)	1	10	10	10	8	10	10	9.6	9.6
Budget and Budget Narrative	6	10	10	9	6	10	8	8.6	51.6
Narrative does not exceed 10 pages	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Total</b>									<b>427.4</b>
Oral Presentations			65	65	65	60	63	318	63.6
<b>Final Score</b>									<b>491.0</b>

**New Horizons of the Treasure Coast**

Program Component	Weight	Possible Score	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Average Score	Weighted Total
Scope of Work	7	10	8	9	8	7	10	8.4	58.8
Discharges	5	10	8	9	6	8	8	7.8	39
Staffing	5	10	8	9	6	8	10	8.2	41
Performance Measures	4	10	8	9	4	8	8	7.4	29.6
Provider Unique Qualifications	5	10	8	10	6	9	10	8.6	43
Community Specific Unique Vendor Qualifications	4	10	7	10	4	10	10	8.2	32.8
Recovery Oriented System of Care	4	10	7	10	6	9	9	8.2	32.8
Opioid Settlement Approved Uses	5	10	8	10	8	9	10	9	45
Quality Assurance	3	10	8	10	6	8	8	8	24
Applicable Licenses	3	10	10	10	8	10	10	9.6	28.8
Letters of Support (minimum of 3)	1	10	10	5	0	10	10	7	7
Budget and Budget Narrative	6	10	8	9	4	4	8	6.6	39.6
Narrative does not exceed 10 pages	1	5	5	5	4	5	5	4.8	4.8
							<b>Total</b>		<b>426.2</b>
Oral Presentations			60	70	55	55	65	305	61

**Final Score** **487.2**

**Ritelife Services**

Program Component	Weight	Possible Score	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Average Score	Weighted Total
Scope of Work	7	10	8	9	8	9	10	8.8	61.6
Discharges	5	10	8	8	6	8	8	7.6	38
Staffing	5	10	8	9	6	9	8	8	40
Performance Measures	4	10	6	10	6	8	8	7.6	30.4
Provider Unique Qualifications	5	10	8	10	8	9	8	8.6	43
Community Specific Unique Vendor Qualifications	4	10	7	10	6	9	10	8.4	33.6
Recovery Oriented System of Care	4	10	8	10	8	9	10	9	36
Opioid Settlement Approved Uses	5	10	8	10	6	10	10	8.8	44
Quality Assurance	3	10	8	9	6	9	8	8	24
Applicable Licenses	3	10	10	8	8	10	9	9	27
Letters of Support (minimum of 3)	1	10	10	10	8	10	10	9.6	9.6
Budget and Budget Narrative	6	10	10	9	8	10	8	9	54
Narrative does not exceed 10 pages	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
							<b>Total</b>		<b>446.2</b>
Oral Presentations			50	60	50	50	60	270	54

**Final Score** **500.2**

**Central Florida Substance Abuse Treatment Center**

Program Component	Weight	Possible Score	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Average Score	Weighted Total
Scope of Work	7	10	8	10	6	7	10	8.2	57.4
Discharges	5	10	8	9	6	9	8	8	40
Staffing	5	10	7	9	6	7	8	7.4	37
Performance Measures	4	10	8	10	6	10	6	8	32
Provider Unique Qualifications	5	10	8	10	6	7	10	8.2	41
Community Specific Unique Vendor Qualifications	4	10	7	9	4	5	9	6.8	27.2
Recovery Oriented System of Care	4	10	7	9	6	9	8	7.8	31.2
Opioid Settlement Approved Uses	5	10	8	10	6	9	10	8.6	43
Quality Assurance	3	10	8	10	6	8	7	7.8	23.4
Applicable Licenses	3	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	30
Letters of Support (minimum of 3)	1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Budget and Budget Narrative	6	10	9	9	6	10	8	8.4	50.4
Narrative does not exceed 10 pages	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Total</b>									<b>427.6</b>
Oral Presentations			40	50	50	45	40	225	45

**Final Score** **472.6**