

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		
	\$2,429,466		\$ 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
Total									481.2
Oral Presentations			75	78	80	75	75	383	76.6
Final Score									557.8

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
Total									453.8
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
Total									427.4
Oral Presentations			65	65	65	60	63	318	63.6
Final Score									491.0

New Horizons of the Treasure Coas

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
Total									426.2
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
Total									446.2
Oral Presentations			50	60	50	50	60	270	54

Final Score	500.2
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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
Total									427.6
Oral Presentations			40	50	50	45	40	225	45

Final Score **472.6**