



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Human Services

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Awarding of the 2022 Human Services Grants to Local Non-Profits- At a Cost of \$617,808 to the County

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PURPOSE:

To approve the award of forty-four (44) Human Services Grants for 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$617,808. The grant period for all awards will be one year from the date of BOC approval.

NEED/IMPACT:

In the County's 2022 Adopted Budget, \$617,808 was approved for Human Services Grants to support the work of local non-profits. This year marks the 18th consecutive year that Human Services Grants Program has presented recommendations for grant awards. The service areas designated for awards include youth, family/human services, food insecurity, public health, elderly, disability, and homeless prevention. The entire grant application process is electronic.

There were 187 people in attendance at the virtual Grant Program Orientation Meeting on May 18, 2022. All attendees received an electronic copy of the grant application instructions and program guidelines. The Department received one hundred thirty-five (135) grant applications during the 2022 grant application intake period, which ended on June 17, 2022. There were sixty-nine (69) number of applications that were incomplete (electronic folder was created by the applicant, but there was no information in the folder) and therefore were not evaluated. A minimum threshold review was conducted, and two (2) grant applications did not meet the minimum threshold requirements. A notification letter was sent to these organizations on June 30, 2022.

The Human Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC) reviewed the remaining sixty-four (64) applications between July 14, 2022, and August 26, 2022. The Human Services Grant Program evaluation policy states that "grant applications must have a composite score of 80 to be recommended for funding." Each application is read and scored independently by 3 different members of the committee and the composite score is obtained by averaging these scores. At the conclusion of the evaluation period, which was five weeks, the HSCC recommended forty-four (44) non-profits to be awarded with General Funds. These applicants had composite scores of 80 or more. These Human Services Grant Awards, once approved, will assist individuals and families living in DeKalb with needed services and supports.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Transfer funds from the General Fund to the Human Services Grant Fund-250 Cost Center 67510 to avoid the delay of payments. There is no fiscal impact, as this action only transfers already appropriated funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Award the Human Services Grants for 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$617,808. Authorize disbursements under the terms of the grant agreement and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.