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Study Session July 1, 2019

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Study Session Topics

9:00 A.M. Calendar Updates (WHR)
BoCC Administration Manager

9:45 A.M. BOCC Updates (WHR)
Board of County Commissioners

Break

1:00 P.M. *Veterans Resources Office Discussion (WHR)
Discussion of a request from State Representative Jason Crow's office to have their military constituent representative use space in our Veterans Service Office monthly to meet with veterans

Request: Information/Direction

Linda Haley, Housing and Community Development Division Manager, Community Resources

Don Klemme, Director, Community Resources

Todd Weaver, Budget Manager, Finance

Tiffanie Bleau, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Documents:

REPRESENTATIVE CROW SPACE REQUEST.DOC

1:30 P.M. *Drop In (WHR)

Board of County Commissioners

1. TANF Block Grant Usage In Family Homelessness Study

Discussion of a request from the Department of Human Services for approval from the Board of the County Commissioners to utilize TANF Block Grant funds to contract with the University of Denver Burnes Center on Poverty and Homelessness to access family homelessness in the tri-cities region (Englewood, Littleton, and Sheridan)

Request: Information/Direction

Cheryl Ternes, Department of Human Services Director

Bob Prevost, Deputy Director, Community and Child Support Services Division

Todd Weaver, Budget Manager, Finance

Documents:

BSR TANF CONTRACT BURNES CENTER.DOC

1:50 P.M. *Executive Session (WHR)

Executive Study Session and County Attorney Administrative Meeting [Section 24-6-402 (4)C.R.S.](As required by law, specific agenda topics will be announced in open meeting prior to the commencement of the closed and confidential portion of this session) (WHR)

John Christofferson, Deputy County Attorney

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Board Summary Report

Date: 6/21/19
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Don Klemme, Community Resources Department Director
From: Linda Haley
Subject: Representative Jason Crow Request

Direction/Information:

The purpose of this BSR is to request direction from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding a request from Rep. Jason Crow's office to have their military constituent representative use space in our Veterans Service Office monthly to meet with veterans.

Background

Rep. Jason Crow's office has made a request that they be allowed to use space in our Veteran Services Office to meet with veterans approximately one day per month. Linda Haley requested an outline from Rep. Crow's office specifying what they were seeking but the outline has not been provided to date.

Links to Align Arapahoe

This request links to Quality of Life by streamlining access to veteran assistance.

Discussion

The advantage to this arrangement would be to veterans who live in this area and are seeking assistance from Rep. Crow's office but who in most cases will end up being referred to our VSO office for assistance with claims, appeals and other needs. It could potentially reduce the number of times they need to travel to a location to meet with staff.

The disadvantage would be the time required for us to manage the flow of potential people showing up and the possibility that there would be increased walk in traffic other days of the month when people hope they might be able to catch a constituent representative.

A second disadvantage could be that other Senator or Representative offices could make similar requests for space and we would need to be fair and equitable to all of them which could substantially increase traffic in our office that would need to be managed by our staff.

Alternatives

The alternative would be to make a decision not to support this request.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact.

Attorney Comments

If appropriate, include this section.

Reviewed By:

Linda Haley, Division Manager
Don Klemme, Community Resources Department Director
Janet Kennedy, Finance Department Director
Tiffanie Bleu, Assistant County Attorney



Board Summary Report

Date: June 20, 2019
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Cheryl Ternes, Department of Human Services Director
From: Bob Prevost, Department of Human Services Deputy Director
Subject: TANF Block Grant Usage in Homelessness Study

Direction

Request and Recommendation

The Department of Human Services is requesting approval from the Board of County Commissioners to utilize TANF Block Grant funds to contract with the University of Denver Burnes Center on Poverty and Homelessness to assess family homelessness in the tri-cities region (Englewood, Littleton, and Sheridan).

Background

The proposal encompasses two projects: 1. Understanding chronic homelessness, 2. Understanding family homelessness. We are proposing to fund the 2nd project as TANF funding can be used and the project will benefit families that we are likely to serve in the Department of Human Services.

The Burnes Center will work in partnership with community stakeholders in the Tri-Cities region (Cities of Englewood, Littleton and Sheridan) to assess family homelessness. The Burnes Center team will conduct interviews with: local school district staff, local service providers (food banks, churches, non-profit agencies, health care providers) as well as, city staff to develop strategies to engage families in the study.

The study will identify factors contributing to homelessness, history of housing and homelessness as well as barriers and challenges inhibiting families from securing permanent, stable housing. The Burnes Center proposes to interview 15 families from each city. There will be an effort to engage families into the study who live in an emergency shelter, local motels, vehicles as well as situations where they are doubled up with another household. They will also analyze recent McKinney Vento data from each school district to identify trends over the past three years.

The Burnes Center report will provide valuable data and information to the County, faith-based and non-profit agencies in the Tri-Cities Region as they plan their work with homeless families.

Links to Align Arapahoe-

Fiscal Responsibility, Service First, Quality of Life: The use of TANF funds for this project are in alignment with the goals of the TANF program and will assist us as we work with families to obtain safe and stable housing in order to reach self-sufficiency. The use of funding in this manner will have long-term results which will reduce the demand on public funds.

Discussion

In the past several years ACDHS has implemented several initiatives focused on promoting healthy and stable families. ACDHS currently offers a number of services, classes and trainings all designed to provide a holistic, 2 Generational approach to meeting the needs of the entire family. While we continue to meet state and federal requirements in our service delivery, ACDHS believes that we can concentrate more efforts on our hardest to serve population to further our impact on this population. This can be achieved if we are able to understand this population through identifying the exact barriers to success, the possible county and community solutions that exist and by employing a holistic approach to the entire family. We believe by addressing this needs of this population, we can reduce further dependency issues for the entire family, reduce the involvement in child welfare and begin to break the cycle of poverty by ensuring children have stable homes.

Alternatives

ACDHS would increase the level of TANF reserves by not spending the TANF Block Grant funds on this initiative. The BoCC could choose not to fund this project.

Fiscal Impact

The total projected cost of this one-time project is \$60,000 and will be funded using the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Allocation. Current projections indicate underspending of the TANF allocation which allows room for this project. Additionally, the county TANF reserves are currently projected to be over \$5.5 million which could also be utilized for this project in the event TANF expenditures unexpectedly increase.

This project was not included in the 2019 county budget as it was not an anticipated need at the time. We will work with the Finance Department to submit a supplemental request for the 2nd quarter budget supplemental period. The county share for the entire TANF allocation is a fixed amount and is included in the 2019 budget. Therefore, there is no additional county share required to pay this contract using TANF funds.

Concurrence

It is not anticipated that the use of the TANF Block Grant in this manner will have an impact on any other department.

Reviewed By:

Suzanna Dobbins, Human Services Finance Division Manager
Janet Kennedy, Finance Department Director
Mike Valentine, Deputy County Attorney