CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY
Regular Meeting – Continuation of August 24, 2020
Thursday, August 27, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
   A. Roll Call

II. Adoption of Agenda
    A. Additions/Deletions/Substitutions
    B. Adoption

III. Public Comments and Introduction of
     Council Meeting Attendees

IV. New Business
   A. Additional Funding for Project L.I.F.T.

V. Council Member Comments

Next Scheduled CSCMC Virtual Meetings:
First Public Hearing - Monday, September 14, 2020, 5:10 p.m.
Final Public Hearing/Regular Meeting - Thursday, September 24, 2020, 5:10 p.m.

CSCMC Conference Room
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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY

Memorandum

Date: August 26, 2020

To: Children's Services Council

From: Laura Haase, Director of Program Operations
      Cara Good, Contract Specialist

Re: Request for CSCMC Funds in the Amount of $35,000 for Coronavirus COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund Application by Project LIFT

Project LIFT provides innovative mental health services, with a focus on substance abuse intervention, combining vocational skills training with youth in Martin County. On July 23, 2020, Project LIFT utilized the universal application to request $418,755 from the Coronavirus COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund to cover expenses to accommodate for the increased daily capacity due to COVID-19. Mental health and substance abuse issues are compounded by economic instability and social isolation, as evidenced by Project LIFT’s intervention in six suicidal ideation events that required Baker Acts, and five teen drug overdoses in the first four months of COVID. CSCMC’s funding made it possible for expanded services to remain open and intervene successfully with those eleven teenagers.

An increase in mental health and substance abuse issues has been observed resulting in a staggering rise in referrals due to increased need documented by the Sherriff's Office related to overdose statistics and teen suicide attempts as well as the decreased options for intervention in this community. In order to meet the needs of the youth in crisis, Project LIFT applied for funding to support expanding capacity of both space and staff. They have reached capacity within their Martin County site even after splitting their programming into two shifts a day to accommodate CDC guidelines. Since March 12, 2020, average daily attendance of 39 rose to an average daily attendance of 88. They are now maintaining a wait list. If funding is awarded, Project LIFT will lease neighboring space and support related costs for participants and staff serving up to 150 anticipated additional participants over the next 12 months.

CSCMC is requesting Council to approve funding in the amount of $35,000 for the first quarter of Project LIFT's expansion efforts in response to COVID-19. Project LIFT is committed to securing match funding for every dollar that CSCMC awards.

The proposed budget includes:

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<th>Cost Category</th>
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<td>$15,297</td>
<td>Salaries/Wages + fringe</td>
<td>1 full-time therapist, 2 part-time vocational assistants, 2 part-time drivers</td>
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<td>$19,703</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Related Costs</td>
<td>Participant stipends, drug testing costs, drug testing cups, fuel and related program supplies</td>
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$35,000 Total CSCMC Budget

Staff Recommendation: To approve funding in the amount of $35,000 toward the Coronavirus COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund Application by Project LIFT to be utilized to support the increased expense of serving up to 150 more participants over the next 12 months. CSCMC funds will be used from 2019-20 unexpended funds and fund balance.