

FY 21 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Funds Update

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DSS PSH Program Update

3 New Referrals during FY21

10 New Households Approved since 10/1/20

23 Households Currently Housed (27 Individuals)

Clients are actively engaging with PSH case manager on a weekly basis and working toward stabilization goals. PSH Case Managers continue providing in-home services, accompanying clients to appointments, etc. Working closely with Three Rivers Legal Services to establish benefits for participants with no income.

The holiday season has particularly been very positive for the PSH participants. Many feel thankful for the opportunity of having a warm shelter and ability to cook a holiday meal in their own space. Some have been inspired to decorate and for the first time in many years, have someone from their family over to share the occasion.

County Social Services staff are in the process of screening and scheduling interviews for the new PSH & RRH staff positions. The goal is to have the remaining PSH positions filled in January and beginning to bring on RRH clients as well.

Year 1 PSH Carryforward Budget

During the May 26, 2020, the BoCC approved amending the PSH budget reallocating funds from the original \$500,000 to support Disaster and Eviction Prevention as below:

PSH Funding Plan

Place 12 households in PSH and follow as per plan = \$191,830 (this includes all staffing and operational costs – ongoing long term)

Support 6 individuals in Bridge RRH = \$60,000

Place 4 individuals in ACCHH's RRH grant = Federal HUD grant

CoC to support additional RRH staff = new State funding

Subtotal = \$251,830

Plan for the remaining PSH program funding

PSH Placements Dynamic Prioritization from DV list:

Place 10 additional PSH households = \$64,000

Community Support Services COVID 19 Response:

Assist Alachua County households impacted by COVID 19:

- with Disaster and Eviction Prevention = \$184,170
- with rent assistance using General Revenue and SHIP funding

Subtotal = \$248,170

Total FY20 Funding = \$500,000

Current Status of FY20 PSH Funds

The reallocated funds for eviction prevention were not expended due to the infusion of CARES funds to assist those impacted by the pandemic to remain housed. When the Eviction Moratorium expires in December 2020, it is anticipated that there will be a significant demand for assistance as many residents will face eviction. The Division of Social Services (DSS) is proposing that the remaining PSH FY20 funds be carried forward in alignment with the approved amended budget. DSS would continue the Disaster and Eviction Prevention providing rent, mortgage and utility assistance for those residents who fail to qualify for Coronavirus Relief Funds.

The Grace Marketplace Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Bridge to PSH funds were allocated for six identified households, however to-date two households have been submitted for assistance using this fund; households have been fully processed and monthly payments made through December 2020. Paid to date: \$12,459.63

Year 2 Budget Summary

Based on the available budget of \$1M, an additional PSH FTE case manager will be hired. This case manager will receive some of the current caseload and fill the remaining PSH slots. During Year 2, DSS will be implementing a medium-term (18-24 months) RRH component. Start-up of the program includes hiring a RRH Case Manager. A total of 11-15 households will be served during this period. Participants will remain on the program for up to 2 years.