



## Legislation Text

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**Agenda Item Name:**

Community Support Services request to add 2 Grant Funded 1.00 FTE's to support Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

The Division of Social Services currently has two Unclassified Temporary Personnel, Case Managers I funded by ERAP. The County has received additional funds to support ERAP 2.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the addition of two FTE Case Managers I in support of ERAP

**Prior Board Motions:**

BoCC accepted award on 1/26/2021

BoCC entered into agreement with Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) for Third Party Administration on 2/23/2021.

**Fiscal Consideration:**

230.00.0060.525.12.00-\$270,768; 230.00.0060.525.14.00-\$20,000; 230.00.0065.525.21.00-\$30,000; Personal Services Total-\$320,768

**Background:**

The Emergency Rental Assistance program (ERAP) makes available \$25 billion to assist eligible households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are provided directly to States, U.S. Territories, local governments with more than 200,000 residents, and Indian tribes. Grantees use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs. Alachua County has received \$9.7 million in this second round.

The first round of ERAP provided eligible households up to 12 months of assistance, plus an additional 3 months if the grantee determines the extra months are needed to ensure housing stability. The payment of existing housing-related arrears that could result in eviction of an eligible household is prioritized. Assistance must be provided to reduce an eligible household's rental arrears before the household may receive assistance for future rent payments. With the second round of ERAP funds, assistance to eligible households may be extended as well as providing

funding for those who had not received funding.

The staff recommends that the BoCC confirm Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) as the approved Third Party Administer for program administration of the ERAP funds.

Two (2) granted funded Case Manager I Positions to support ERAP