



# Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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## Legislation Text

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### **Subject:**

Approval, Re: Submission of a grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services for the Expansion and Sustainability of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (Maximum Award Amount: \$6,000,000)

### **Fiscal Impact:**

FY23-24: There will be no impact to the General Fund. The required match (\$333,333 year one) will be met using in-kind (salaries, services, pro bono mental health services, etc.) from Brevard Family Partnership, Inc. and their partner agencies. If the grant is awarded, these in-kind funds will be tracked and monitored for compliance.

### **Dept/Office:**

Housing and Human Services

### **Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners authorize:

1. the Director of the Housing and Human Services Department (Director) as the Authorized Grantee Official;
2. the Director to submit the grant application (including all forms);
3. the Director to sign all related agreements, modifications, and contracts as required upon approval of Risk Management and the County Attorney's Office upon grant award;
4. all related grant funded travel; and,
5. the County Manager to sign all necessary Budget Change Requests.

### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

On March 12, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Housing and Human Services Department's submission of this grant in partnership with Brevard Family Partnership, Inc. (BFP) and on August 31, 2020, the first 4-year grant was awarded. This request is to seek a second 4-year award to serve the residents of Brevard County.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, is accepting applications for fiscal year 2024 Grants for Expansion and Sustainability of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances. The purpose of this program is to improve the mental health outcomes for children and youth, birth through age 21, with serious

emotional disturbance, and their families. This program will support the implementation, expansion, and integration of the System of Care approach by creating sustainable infrastructure and services.

The grant will seek to improve mental health outcomes for the target population (children and youth age 0 to 18) with Serious Emotional Disturbances and their families, support the wide scale operation, expansion and integration of the System of Care approach by creating sustainable infrastructure and services that are required as part of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program (also known as the Children's Mental Health Initiative), support the provision of mental health and related recovery support services to children and youth with serious emotional disturbances - and those with early signs and symptoms of serious mental illness, including first episode psychosis - and their families, and implement systemic changes in policy, financing, evidence based and evidence informed services and supports, training and workforce development, and cross system collaboration.

BFP will be proposing to continue, as part of the grant submission, to: (1) develop infrastructure based on the System of Care model framework and core principles using knowledge gained from Brevard C.A.R.E.S. development, neighboring System of Care sites, and a Statewide Expansion grant, (2) high fidelity Wraparound services to be used for any population with priority to child welfare and/or cross-over youth who are involved in Juvenile Justice and child welfare systems, (3) develop a stronger peer and family support network, (4) to keep adolescents/youth at home and/or reducing the time in out of home care (psychiatric, foster care, juvenile justice commitment), (5) evidence based/emerging practices in addition to Wraparound Care Coordination, (6) expanding Mobile Crisis Response, (7) early identification of children with mental health concerns and support to caregivers by connecting to services, (8) address service-delivery gaps in the Brevard County community, (9) providing mental health support to caregivers; especially supports for those who have experienced trauma, (10) expanding Family Advocacy and Parent education, and (11) increasing education and infrastructure development on trauma-informed care.

BFP utilizes a broad stakeholder group which includes Baker Act facilities, Hospitals, pediatricians, schools, colleges/universities, and churches for this grant. The stakeholders will present partnership and match opportunities from the child welfare service delivery system.

The grant requires a 3:1 match (\$3 of federal funds for every \$1 of matching funds) for the first three years of the grant, which equates to a maximum match of approximately \$333,333 per year. The fourth and final year of the grant requires a 1:1 match. The source of the match can be in-kind, including facilities, equipment, or services and must be derived from non-federal sources and it is expected that non-federal match dollars will include contributions from various child-serving systems (e.g., education, child welfare, and juvenile justice). BFP has committed to identifying the names of the expected sources, the types of sources (e.g., education, child welfare, and juvenile justice), and the amount of matching funds from each. The final budget request will be dependent upon BFP's ability to generate match. Anything less than the maximum match (\$333,333 to draw down \$1,000,000 in federal funds) will result in a submission for less than the maximum amount of federal funding.

### **Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

None