

Calendar Year 2019

DATE: June 1, 2020

COMMITTEE NAME: Health and Human Services Advisory Council (HHSAC)

CHAIRMAN: Charles Daly

STAFF SUPPORT: Mary Garcia, St. Johns County Health and Human Services

BCC LIAISON: Commissioner Jeb Smith

BRIEF HISTORY OF COMMITTEE: In 1997, the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Committee were combined to form the Health and Human Services Advisory Council to the Board of County Commissioners. The Council evaluates human services programs in the community, assists in determining the effectiveness of programs to help reduce duplication of services and assures the health and human services needs of the residents of St. Johns County are met. The Council review applications requesting County funding for programs that provide health, mental health, substance abuse, and social services and submit recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Council performs its functions and duties without regard to the race, religion, gender or national origin of any affected person.

MISSION STATEMENT: The health and well-being of a community is a function of its quality of life, including the delivery of health and human services supported by public policy and funding those in need of such services. Our mission is to be responsive to those needs and to recommend funding programs worthy of public support for citizens of St. Johns County.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The Advisory Council, in conjunction with County Staff, worked to develop a new application for the Health & Human Services Independent Agency Funding Program. The application was posted through the eCivis portal, making this the first online application for this funding. Priorities were based on data collected through the 2017 Community Health Assessment and the 2018-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan prepared by the St. Johns County Health Leadership Council, in addition to staff knowledge of service gaps and needs. Priorities and funding categories remain the same as FY19.
- The Advisory Council advocated for additional funding for the Fiscal Year 2020 for the Health & Human Services Independent Agency Funding resulting in a 29% increase from \$1,509,976 to \$1,949,450.
- The Advisory Council requested a representative from Flagler Hospital, the lead agency for the Continuum of Care for Homelessness, attend Advisory Council meetings so that a monthly update would be provided to the Council concerning the CoC, the Point in Time Count and other matters related to homelessness.

- The Advisory Council encouraged community partners to present at their monthly general meetings on relevant and timely topics, such as the opioid crisis, from the perspective of those in behavioral healthcare and from those in law enforcement.
- Funded agencies were required to provide written quarterly reports in order for the Advisory Council to be kept informed of the effectiveness of the services being provided through County funding.
- The Advisory Council hosted a grant writing workshop led by James D. Clark, President and Founder of Clark Consultants. Mr. Clark reviewed grant writing techniques and essential fund raising tools for non-profit organizations. The workshop was well attended and well received by local agencies.

The HHS Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners for the ongoing support and thank all of the County staff members who supported the HHSAC throughout the year.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR 2020:

1. Identify needs, gaps and access issues associated with Affordable, Emergency, Transitional and Supportive Housing as they relate to St Johns County Health and Human Services programs.
2. Continue to follow the Continuum of Care to ensure the effective coordination of services by all community service providers and continued participation by community stakeholders.
3. Continue to review quarterly reports by all funded agencies in order to monitor their outcomes.

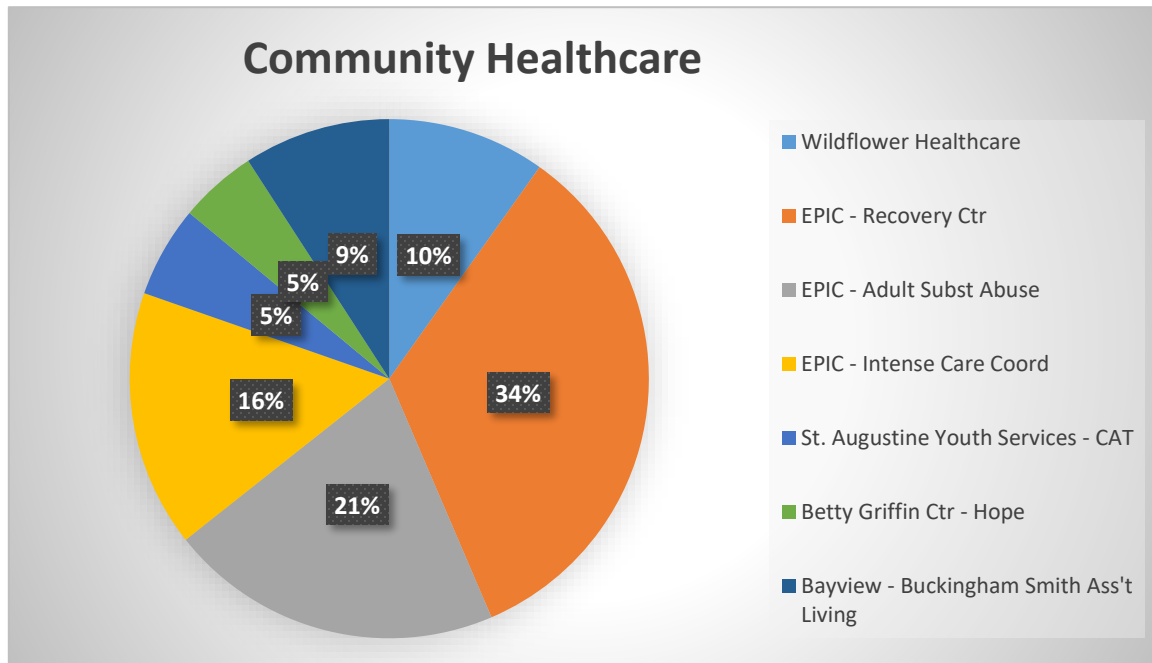
DETAILS REGARDING INDEPENDENT AGENCY FUNDING PROGRAM APPLICATION, RANKING, EVALUATION PROCESS, AND FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR FY2020 ON FOLLOWING PAGES

FUNDING:

On April 22, 2019, notice of funding availability for Fiscal Year 2020 through Health & Human Services Independent Agency Funding Program was published. (Fiscal Year 2019 contracts were extended for one additional year at same levels as Fiscal Year 2018.)

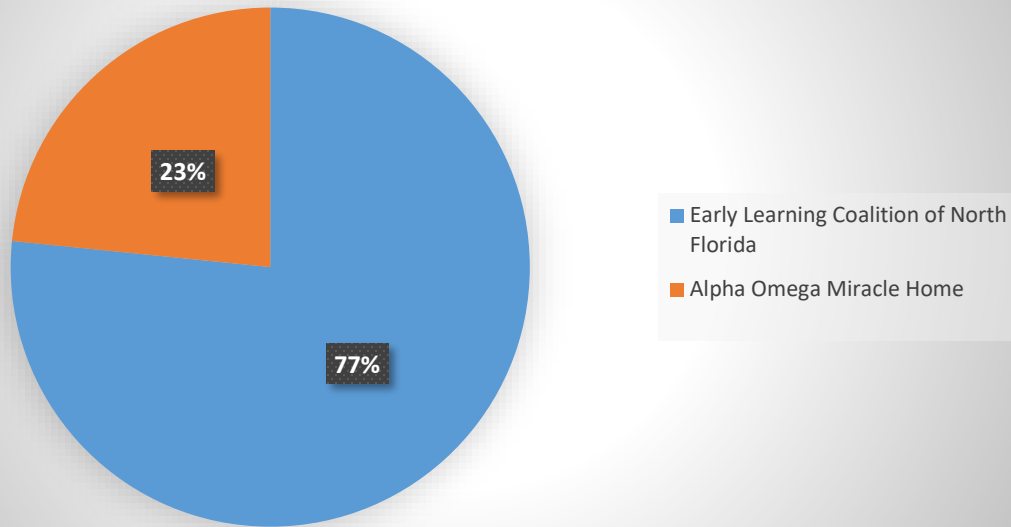
Applications were accepted through eCivis portal between April 22, 2019 and June 7, 2019. Nineteen applications were received by the deadline. Scoring Committee consisted of three (3) HHS Advisory Council members, HHS Social Services Manager, and a United Way representative.

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Wildflower Healthcare Community Services	\$101,653.00
EPIC Community Healthcare (Recovery Ctr)	\$348,663.00
EPIC Community Healthcare (Adult Substance Abuse)	\$214,910.00
EPIC – St. Johns County Intensive Care Coordination	\$165,471.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – Community Action Team (CAT)	\$ 58,623.00
Betty Griffin Center – Hope Program	\$ 50,000.00
SJWF dba Bayview - Buckingham Smith Subsidized Assisted Living	\$ 94,558.00
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TOTAL	\$1,172,636.00

Employment Opportunities



Early Learning Coalition of North Florida – Child Care Assistance for At Risk/Economically Disadvantaged Families

\$133,712.00

Alpha Omega Miracle Home – G.R.O.W. Self Sufficiency Program

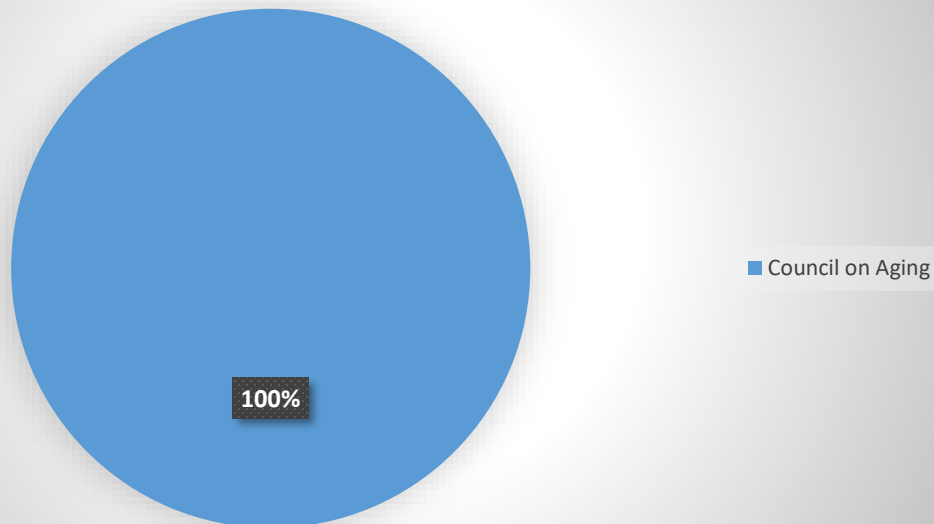
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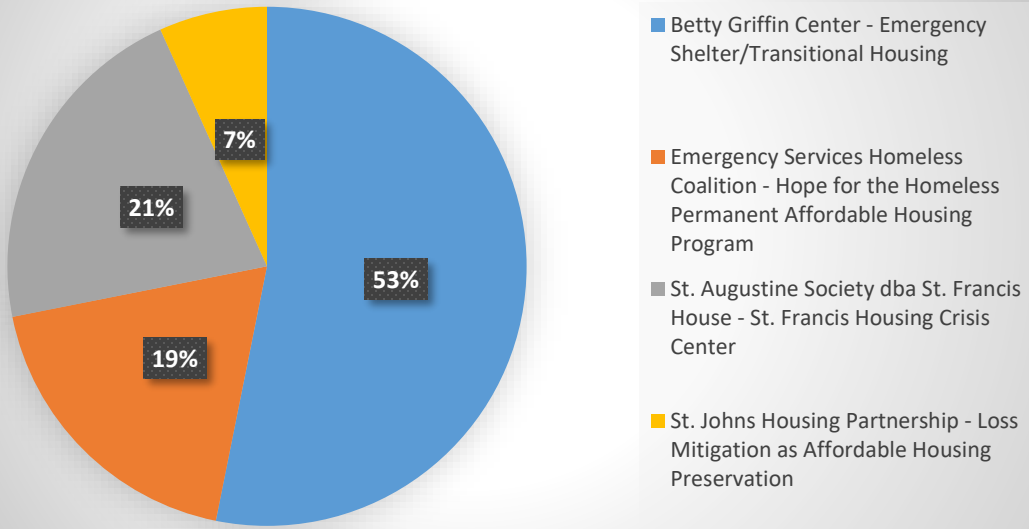
Aging



Council on Aging – Home and Community Based Supportive Services for the Elderly

\$157,701.00

Affordable Housing and Homelessness



Betty Griffin Center-Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing	\$236,324.00
ESHC – Hope for the Homeless Permanent Affordable Housing Program	\$ 83,226.00
St. Augustine Society dba St. Francis House-St. Francis Housing Crisis Ctr	\$ 95,079.00
St. Johns Housing Partnership-Loss Mitigation as Affordable Housing Preservation	\$ 29,938.00
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TOTAL	\$444,567.00