

## Calendar Year 2022

DATE: April 1, 2023

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

CHAIR: Charles Daly

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

BCC LIAISON: Commissioner Sarah Arnold

**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:**

- Independent agency funding remained consistent to prior year at \$1,949,450.00.
- An electronic survey was developed and disseminated by the County's Public Affairs Department to the public, and to community partners and stake holders. The survey results determined a definitive concern for mental health and behavioral health services, as well as housing barriers, including a lack of affordable housing, homelessness, and employment opportunities. These objectives were in line with data obtained from LSF and Flagler Health +, which was also considered.
- A Request for Proposals was put out in April, with a submission deadline of June, and applications were reviewed and scored by three Advisory Council members, the St. Johns County Social Services Manager, and a representative from The United Way. Funding recommendations based upon the above-mentioned survey and data were submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and were formally adopted for the FY2023 budget.
- Though still impacted by the pandemic and by difficulty in finding meeting space, the Advisory Council continued to require virtual attendance by community partners to present on timely topics at monthly general meetings. The Council also 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 Council requested monthly updates and meeting attendance by developers of two, large multi-family affordable housing projects, San Marcos Heights and Victoria Crossing.
- 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 by benefit of County funding.

The Health & Human Services 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 2023:**

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 require monthly meeting attendance and updates by all funded agencies.
3. 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.
4. Continue to review quarterly reports by all funded agencies in order to monitor their outcomes.

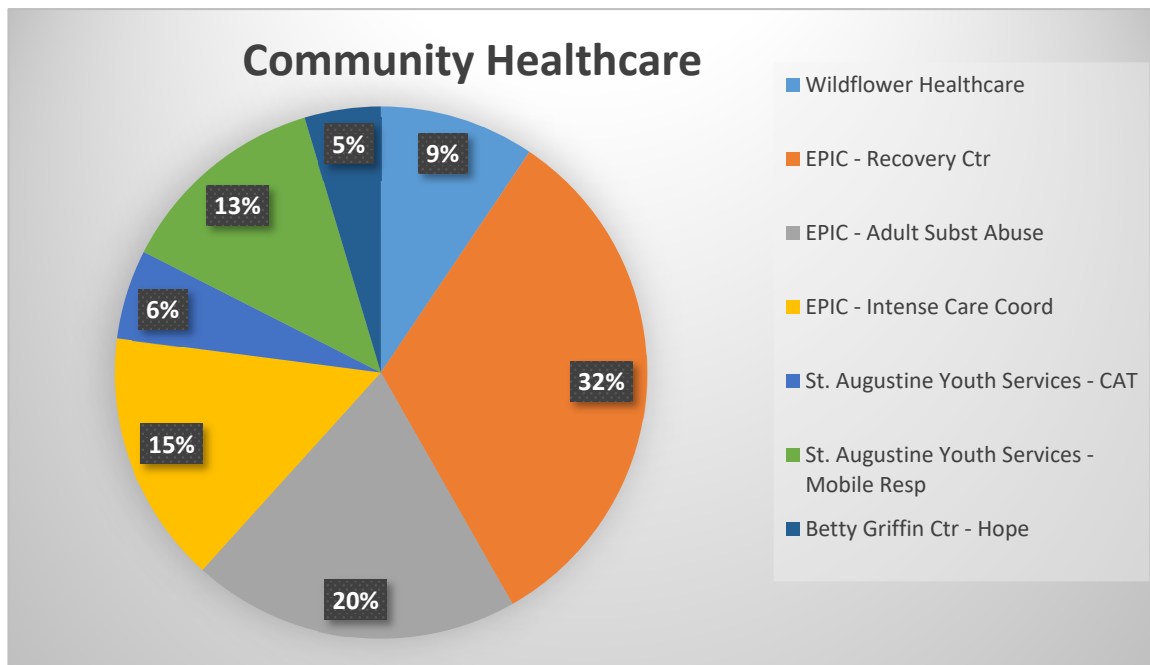
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**FY 2022 – Independent Agency Funding:**

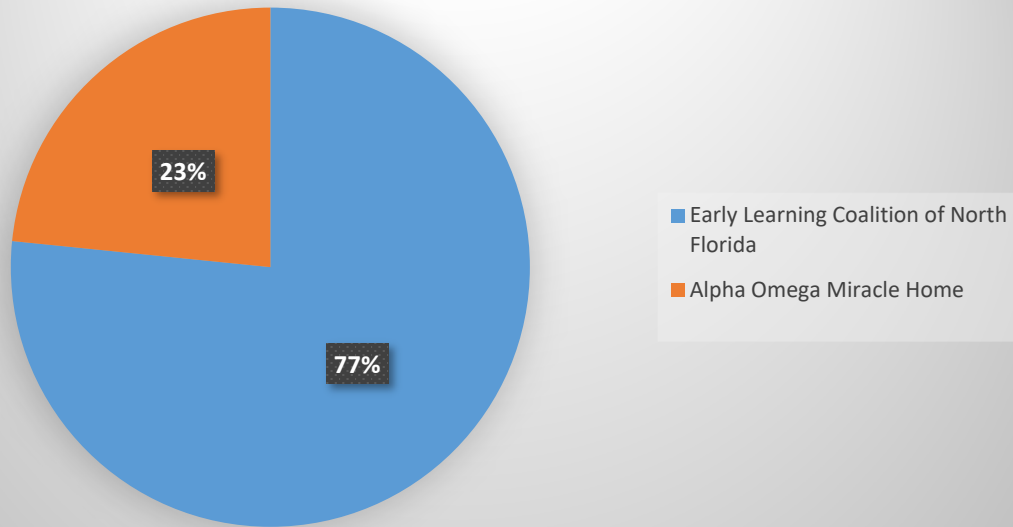
On September 16, 2021, the Health & Human Services Advisory Council recommended that independent agency contracts be extended one additional year at FY 2021 funding levels, with the exception of the funding allocated to St. Johns Welfare Federation DBA BayView Healthcare. Due to the sale pending at the time to a for-profit organization, BayView Healthcare’s contract was not renewed. Funds formerly allocated to BayView were divided between St. Johns Housing Partnership (\$80,062), Emergency Services Homeless Coalition (\$7248), and St. Francis House (\$7,248).

These amounts were included in the County’s fiscal year 2022 budget and were formally adopted on September 21, 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners. These 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.



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
St. Augustine Youth Services – Mobile Crisis Response Team	\$138,758.00
Betty Griffin Center – Hope Program	\$ 50,000.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,078,078.00</b>

## Employment Opportunities

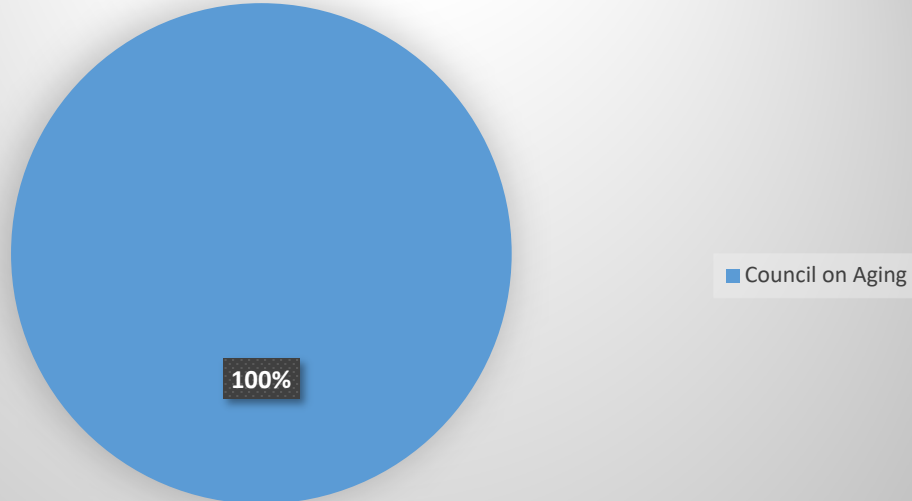


Early Learning Coalition of North Florida – Child Care Assistance for At Risk/Economically Disadvantaged Families  
 Alpha Omega Miracle Home – G.R.O.W. Self Sufficiency Program

\$133,712.00  
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**\$174,546.00**

**TOTAL**

## Aging

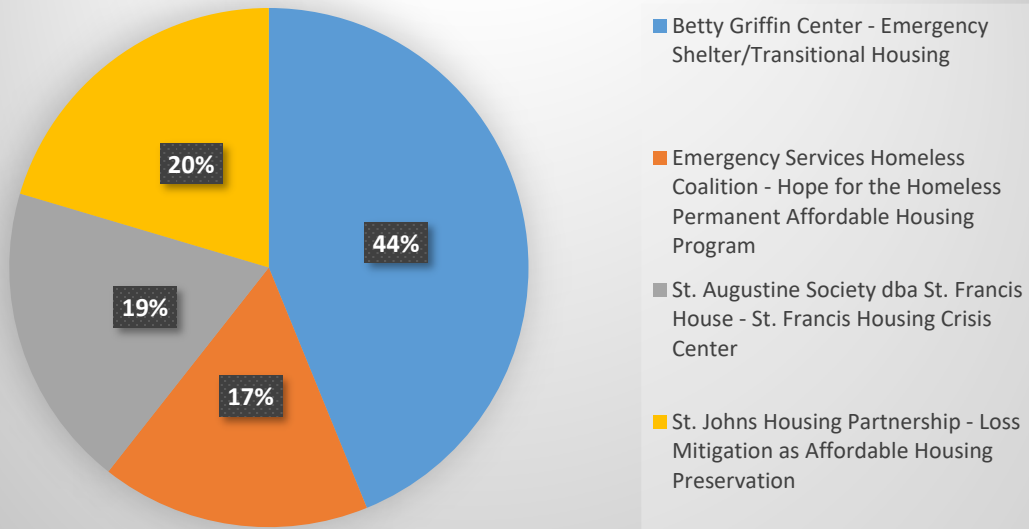


Council on Aging – Home and Community Based Supportive Services for the Elderly

**\$157,701.00**

**TOTAL**

## Affordable Housing and Homelessness



Betty Griffin Center-Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing	\$236,324.00
ESHC – Hope for the Homeless Permanent Affordable Housing Program	\$ 90,474.00
St. Augustine Society dba St. Francis House-St. Francis Housing Crisis Ctr	\$102,327.00
St. Johns Housing Partnership-Loss Mitigation as Affordable Housing Preservation	\$110,000.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$539,125.00</u></b>