

Calendar Year 2023

DATE: April 1, 2024

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

CHAIR: Tara Haley

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

BCC LIAISON: Commissioner Krista Joseph

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 reviews 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:

- Funding in the amount of \$2,144,395.00 for the Fiscal Year 2023 was determined by RFP process in Fiscal Year 2022 for the Health & Human Services Independent Agency Program. Priorities for funding were informed by a community survey issued by the Council and the Health & Human Services Department, in combination with data provided by LSF and Flagler Health +.
- The Advisory Council required attendance by funded agencies at monthly general meetings and received regular updates on performance of funded programs. 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 Advisory Council invited guest speakers on a monthly basis to cover topics such as the BRAVE Summit (Be Strong and Voice Emotions), an event hosted by Flagler Health which focused on encouraging youth to take charge of their mental health, and a GAPS analysis, conducted by the St. Johns Continuum of Care, which is an assessment of homeless needs and services available within the geographic area.

- The Council closely monitored progress on two, large, multi-family affordable housing projects, San Marcos Heights and Victoria Crossing, by requesting monthly updates and meeting attendance by the two developers.
- 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 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 2024:

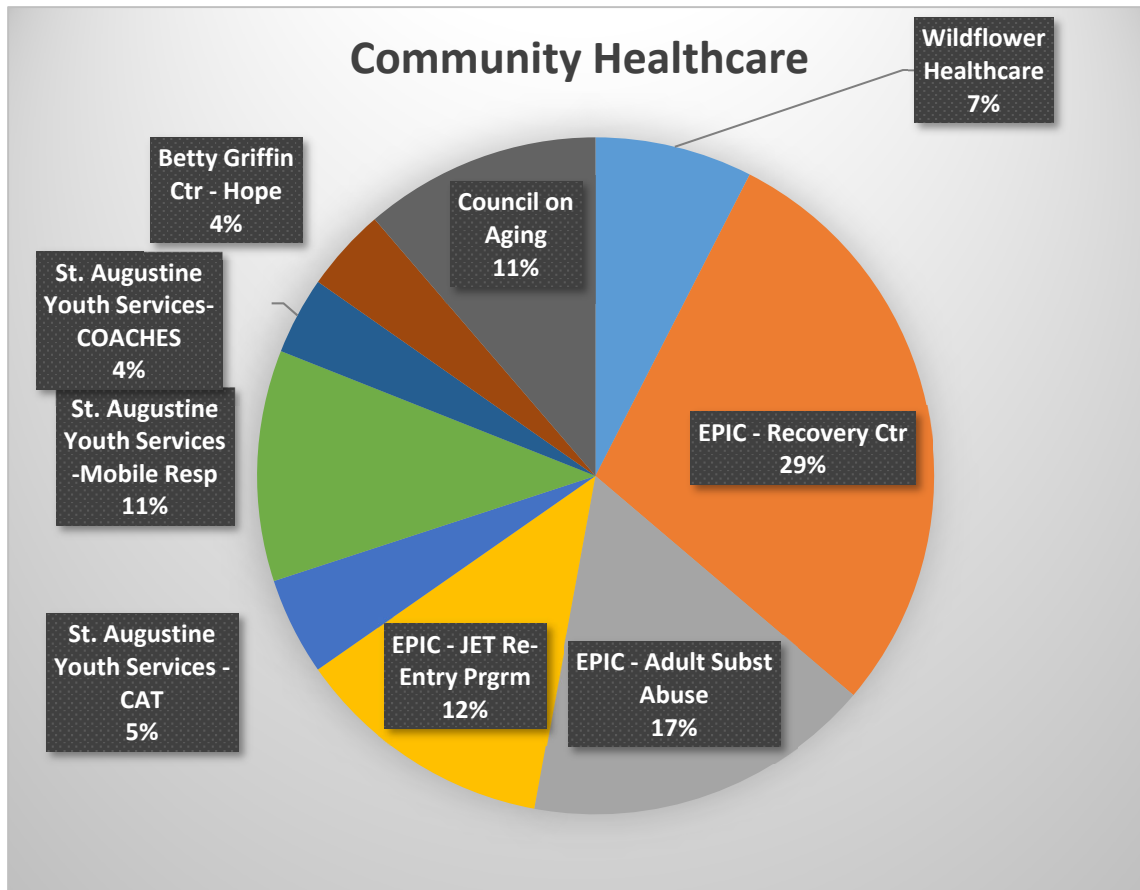
1. Request increased funding for independent agency funding for FY25.
2. Issue a Request for Proposal, score and evaluate submissions, and devise funding methodology for FY25 through the eCivis portal. Priorities will be based upon data collected through a comprehensive needs assessment completed by Flagler Health and CareConnect in 2023, in addition to staff knowledge of service gaps and needs.
3. Request the cost of a formal needs assessment and gaps analysis be built into the FY25 budget.
4. Continue to require monthly meeting attendance and updates by all funded agencies.
5. 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.
6. Continue to review quarterly reports by all funded agencies in order to monitor their outcomes.

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FY 2023 – Independent Agency Funding:

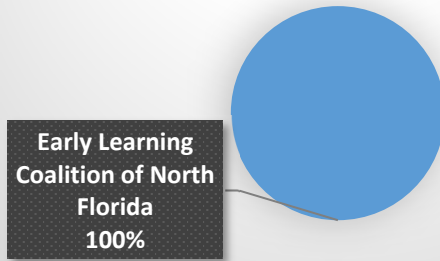
In preparation for independent agency funding for fiscal year 2023, the Health & Human Services Advisory Council put out a Request for Proposals in 2022. The ultimate funding methodology was based upon application scores and rankings, and community priorities and needs.

These amounts were included in the County’s fiscal year 2023 budget and were formally adopted on September 20, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners. As indicated above, these funding priorities were based on data collected through a community survey, in combination with data provided by LSF and Flagler Health +.



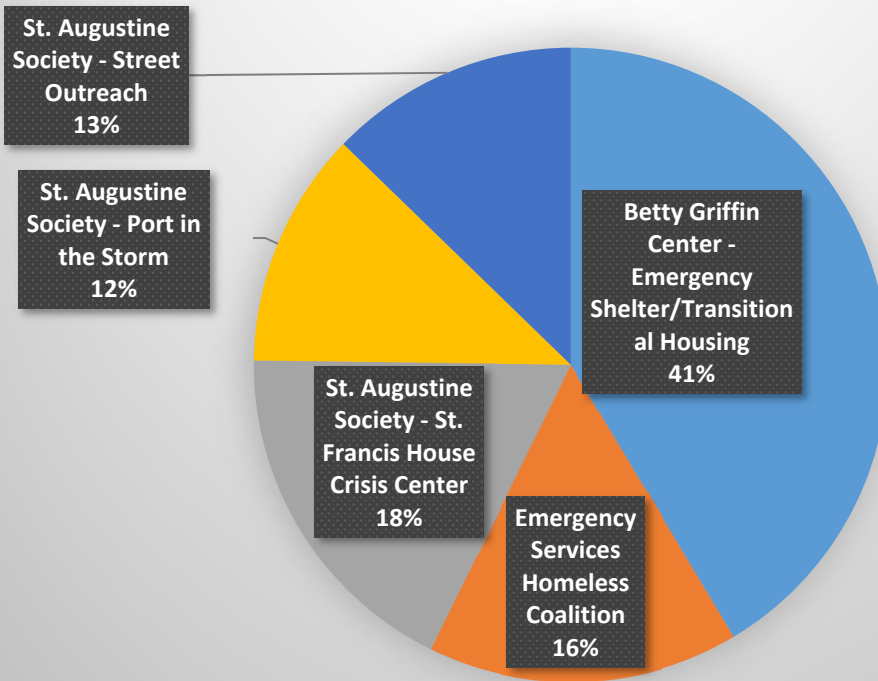
Wildflower Healthcare Community Services	\$104,102.00
EPIC Community Healthcare (Recovery Ctr)	\$396,663.00
EPIC Community Healthcare (Adult Substance Abuse)	\$230,757.00
EPIC – JET Re-Entry Program	\$171,545.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – Community Action Team (CAT)	\$ 64,485.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – Mobile Crisis Response Team	\$152,634.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – COACHES Program	\$ 51,191.00
Betty Griffin Center – Hope Program	\$ 55,000.00
Council on Aging	\$156,430.00
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TOTAL	\$1,382,807.00

Employment Opportunities



Early Learning Coalition of North Florida – Child Care Assistance for At Risk/Economically Disadvantaged Families	TOTAL	\$134,000.00 =====
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Affordable Housing and Homelessness



Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition		\$99,521.00
Betty Griffin Center Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing		\$259,956.00
St. Augustine Society – Street Outreach		\$79,951.00
St. Augustine Society – St. Francis Housing Crisis Center		\$112,560.00
St. Augustine Society – Port in the Storm		\$75,600.00
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TOTAL		\$627,588.00