St. Johns County Independent Agency Funding Program Fiscal Year 2026

Health and Human Services Department August 21, 2025



Agenda

Next steps



Brief review of application, ranking and evaluation process
 Recap of scores by category/rank; comparison of FY26 and FY25 percentages
 Presentation of Recommended Funding to HHSAC
 HHSAC Discussion and Vote

Independent Agency Application, Ranking and Evaluation Process



April 21, 2025: Notice of funding availability for Fiscal Year 2025 through HHS Independent Agency Funding Program was published on the HHS website and communication plan was initiated. Applications were accepted through the eCivis Portal between April 21, 2025 and May 30, 2025 at 3:00 PM. Sixteen (16) applications were received by the deadline. One (1) application was rejected during Administrative Review process due to fatal flaw. The amount of funding requested from all applications equals \$3,016,395, while an estimated \$2,578,000 is available **pending BCC budget approval**. Contract Coordinator was available for questions until May 16, 2025. Questions and answers were posted on the HHS website on Monday, May 19, 2025. Technical assistance with the eCivis Portal was available until application due date. Application scores were announced at the HHSAC general meeting on August 7, 2025 Scoring Committee consisted of three (3) HHS Advisory Council members, HHS Director, and HHS Social Services Manager. Each Committee member evaluated all 15 applications via the eCivis Portal.

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Recap of Scores Category 1: Community Healthcare



FY26 Independent Agency Funding Application - Score Summary - Category 1: Community Healthcare

	AGENCY	PROGRAM	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Subtotal	Admin Review	Total Score	Total Possible Score	FY26 %	FY25 %
			Total Score	Total Score	Total Score	Total Score	Total Score		Deductions	Grand Total	Grand Total		
				Category 1:	Community	Healthcare							
1	St. Augustine Youth Services	COACHES	197	176	205	199	140	917	(15)	902	213*5= 1065	84.69%	82.07%
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2	St. Augustine Youth Services	Community Action Team (CAT)	198	179	205	191	140	913	(15)	898	213*5= 1065	84.32%	82.82%
3	St. Augustine Youth Services	Mobile Response Team (MRT)	198	176	203	192	139	908	(15)	893	213*5= 1065	83.85%	80.56%
4	St. Augustine Youth Services	Care Coordinator	196	176	205	180	140	897	(15)	882	213*5= 1065	82.82%	N/A
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5	Betty Griffin Center	Hope Program	185	168	209	176	139	877	(10)	867	213*5= 1065	81.41%	83.94%
6	EPIC Behavioral Healthcare	JET Re-Entry Program	184	176	205	196	140	901	(35)	866	213*5= 1065	81.31%	78.50%
7	Council on Aging	Home and Community Based Supportive Services for the Elderly	166	159	193	181	133	832	(25)	807	201*5= 1005	80.30%	80.20%
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8	EPIC Behavioral Healthcare	Adult Substance Use Outpatient Treatment	188	171	200	181	141	881	(35)	846	213*5= 1065	79.44%	78.87%
9	Wildflower Healthcare	Community Healthcare Initiative	129	135	169	109	110	652	(80)	572	201*5= 1005	56.92%	61.09%

Recap of Scores



Category 2: Affordable Housing and Homelessness

FY26 Independent Agency Funding Application - Score Summary - Category 2: Affordable Housing and Homelessness

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AGENCY	PROGRAM	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Subtotal	Admin Review Total Score		Total Possible Score		FY26 %	FY25 %	
		Total Score	Total Score	Total Score	Total Score	Total Score		Deductions	Grand Total	Grand	Grand Total			
		Categor	y 2: Afforda	ble Housing	and Home	essness								
Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition	Hope for the Homeless Permanent Affordable Housing Program	194	172	203	175	137	881	0	881	207*5=	1035	85.12%	88.12%	
Betty Griffin Center	Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing	178	170	202	194	131	875	(10)	865	207*5=	1035	83.57%	84.35%	
St. Augustine Society	SOS Street Outreach Program	176	166	203	177	138	860	(10)	850	207*5=	1035	82.13%	78.26%	
St. Augustine Society	St. Francis House Crisis Center	183	169	202	165	137	856	(10)	846	207*5=	1035	81.74%	77.29%	
St. Augustine Society	Port in the Storm	173	166	200	144	139	822	(10)	812	207*5=	1035	78.45%	77.68%	
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Recap of Scores Category 3: Employment Opportunities



FY26 Independent Agency Funding Application - Score Summary - Category 3: Employment Opportunities

AGENCY	PROGRAM	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Subtotal	Admin Review	Bonus	Total Score	Total P Sco	ossible ore	FY26 %	FY25 %
		Total Score	Total Score	Total Score	Total Score	Total Score		Deductions	Renewal Programs	Grand Total	Grand	l Total		
		Cat	tegory 3: Er	nployment	Opportunit	ties								
Farly Learning Coalition of	Child Care Assistance for At Risk Families	184	168	196	180	135	863	0		863	201*5=	1005	85.87%	86.47%
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Funding Recommendation Methodology



Priorities are based on data collected through the Flagler Health+ 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), and staff knowledge of service gaps and needs. Priorities and funding categories are as follows: Category 1: Community Healthcare, including Aging Category 2: Affordable Housing and Homelessness Category 3: Employment Opportunities FY26 HHS Independent Agency funding, if approved by the BCC, will increase 41% from \$1,828,000 to \$2,578,000. Three (3) funding options for awards to renewal programs are being proposed, consistent with pending BCC funding allocation. Funding is allocated to the highest prioritized category until available funds are exhausted. Awards are based on application scores and ranking. These methodologies may preclude one (1) program from receiving funding.

Funding Recommendation Methodology cont.



Funding Recommendation Option 1

- Identified priorities based on data collected through the Flagler Health+ 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), and staff knowledge of service gaps and needs.
- Identified three (3) funding categories, which were funded from the top down until funds are exhausted.
- Recommended awards based on application scores and ranking.
- 90% cap (top down) on current funding levels of renewal programs, with the exception of the highest ranked applications in Categories 1 and 2, which are funded at 100%.
 - Agencies with applications scoring 60% or less were not recommended for funding.
- Administrative funds allowed; no more than 5% of Personnel and Program costs.

Funding Recommendation Option 2

- Identified priorities based on data collected through the Flagler Health+ 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), and staff knowledge of service gaps and needs.
- Identified three (3) funding categories, which were funded from the top down until funds are exhausted.
- Recommended awards based on application scores and ranking.
- 65% cap (top down) on current funding levels of renewal programs, with the exception of the highest ranked applications in Categories 1 and 2, which are funded at 100%, and the lowest ranked application, which remained flat.
- Wildflower funded flat at FY25 funding level due to poor application score, but continued community need and past success.
- Administrative funds allowed; no more than 5% of Personnel and Program costs.

Funding Recommendation Option 3

- Identified priorities based on data collected through the Flagler Health+ 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), and staff knowledge of service gaps and needs.
- Identified three (3) funding categories, which were funded from the top down until funds are exhausted.
- Recommended awards based on application scores and ranking
- 75% cap for all renewal programs, with the exception of the lowest ranked application, which is funded at only a 51% increase.
- Wildflower funded at reduced percentage due to poor application score, but continued community need and past success.
- Administrative funds allowed; no more than 5% of Personnel and Program costs.



AGENCY / PROGRAM	FY25 Funds Awarded	FY26 Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation 1	% of Funding Awarded Per Category	Funding Recommendation 2	% of Funding Awarded Per Category	Funding Recommendation 3	% of Funding Awarded Per Category	
Category 1: Community Healthcare									
St. Augustine Youth Services - COACHES	\$ 53,751.00	\$ 188,201.00	\$ 188,201.00		\$ 188,201.00		\$ 94,064.00		
St. Augustine Youth Services - CAT	\$ 67,709.00	\$ 212,965.00	\$ 128,647.00		\$ 111,720.00		\$ 118,491.00		
St. Augustine Youth Services - MRT	\$ 160,266.00	\$ 301,751.00	\$ 301,751.00		\$ 264,439.00		\$ 280,466.00		
St. Augustine Youth Services - Care Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 13,089.00	\$ 13,089.00		\$ 13,089.00		\$ 13,089.00		
Betty Griffiin Center - Hope Program	\$ 65,410.00	\$ 70,233.00	\$ 70,233.00		\$ 70,233.00		\$ 70,233.00		
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare - JET Re-Entry	\$ 180,122.00	\$ 193,928.00	\$ 193,928.00		\$ 193,928.00		\$ 193,928.00		
Council on Aging - Home and Community Based Supportive Services for the Elderly	\$ 164,252.00	\$ 236,528.00	\$ 236,528.00	76%	\$ 236,528.00	78%	\$ 236,528.00	77%	
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare - Adult Substance Use Outpatient Treatment	\$ 242,295.00	\$ 251,450.00	\$ 251,450.00		\$ 251,450.00		\$ 251,450.00		
Wildflower Healthcare - Community Healthcare Intitiative	\$ 104,102.00	\$ 170,907.00	\$ -		\$ 104,102.00		\$ 156,914.00		
Total Community Healthcare	\$ 1,037,907.00	\$ 1,639,052.00	\$ 1,383,827.00		\$ 1,433,690.00		\$ 1,415,163.00		
Category 2: Affordable Housing and Homelessness		_							
ESHC - Hope for the Homeless Permanent Affordable Housing Program	\$ 104,497.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 210,000.00		\$ 210,000.00		\$ 182,870.00		
Betty Griffin Center - Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing	\$ 272,954.00	\$ 358,343.00	\$ 358,343.00	500 /	\$ 358,343.00		\$ 358,343.00	==0/	
St. Augustine Society - SOS Outreach	\$ 83,949.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 159,503.00	58%	\$ 138,516.00	55%	\$ 146,911.00	57%	
St. Augustine Society - SFH Crisis Center	\$ 115,313.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 219,095.00		\$ 190,266.00		\$ 201,798.00		
St Augustine Society - Port in the Storm	\$ 79,380.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 113,232.00		\$ 113,185.00		\$ 138,915.00		
Total Affordable Housing and Homelessness	\$ 656,093.00	\$ 1,243,343.00	\$ 1,060,173.00		\$ 1,010,310.00		\$ 1,028,837.00		
Category 3: Employment Opportunities									
Early Learning Coalition of North Florida - Child Care Assistance for At Risk/Economically Disadvantaged Families	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	7%	\$ 134,000.00	7%	\$ 134,000.00	7%	
Total Employment Opportunities	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00		\$ 134,000.00		\$ 134,000.00		
Grand Total All Funding Categories	\$ 1,828,000.00	\$ 3,016,395.00	\$ 2,578,000.00	100%	\$ 2,578,000.00	100%	\$ 2,578,000.00	100%	

Funding Recommendations by Category – *Community Healthcare*



AGENCY / PROGRAM	FY25 Funds Awarded			FY26 Funds Requested		Funding Recommendation 1		Funding Recommendation 2		Funding commendation 3
Category 1: Community Healthcare	·									
St. Augustine Youth Services - COACHES	\$	53,751.00	\$	188,201.00	\$	188,201.00	\$	188,201.00	\$	94,064.00
St. Augustine Youth Services - CAT	\$	67,709.00	\$	212,965.00	\$	128,647.00	\$	111,720.00	\$	118,491.00
St. Augustine Youth Services - MRT	\$	160,266.00	\$	301,751.00	\$	301,751.00	\$	264,439.00	\$	280,466.00
St. Augustine Youth Services - Care Coordinator	\$	-	\$	13,089.00	\$	13,089.00	\$	13,089.00	\$	13,089.00
Betty Griffiin Center - Hope Program	\$	65,410.00	\$	70,233.00	\$	70,233.00	\$	70,233.00	\$	70,233.00
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare - JET Re-Entry	\$	180,122.00	\$	193,928.00	\$	193,928.00	\$	193,928.00	\$	193,928.00
Council on Aging - Home and Community Based Supportive Services for the Elderly	\$	164,252.00	\$	236,528.00	\$	236,528.00	\$	236,528.00	\$	236,528.00
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare - Adult Substance Use Outpatient Treatment	\$	242,295.00	\$	251,450.00	\$	251,450.00	\$	251,450.00	\$	251,450.00
Wildflower Healthcare - Community Healthcare				-						·
Intitiative	\$	104,102.00	\$	170,907.00	\$	-	\$	104,102.00	\$	156,914.00
Total Community Healthcare	\$	1,037,907.00	\$	1,639,052.00	\$	1,383,827.00	\$	1,433,690.00	\$	1,415,163.00

Funding Recommendations by Category – *Affordable Housing and Homelessness*



AGENCY / PROGRAM		FY25 Funds Awarded		FY26 Funds Requested		Funding Recommendation 1		Funding Recommendation 2		Funding commendation 3
Category 2: Affordable Housing and Homelessness	·									
ESHC - Hope for the Homeless Permanent Affordable										
Housing Program	\$	104,497.00	\$	210,000.00	\$	210,000.00	\$	210,000.00	\$	182,870.00
Betty Griffin Center - Emergency Shelter/Transitional										
Housing	\$	272,954.00	\$	358,343.00	\$	358,343.00	\$	358,343.00	\$	358,343.00
St. Augustine Society - SOS Outreach	\$	83,949.00	\$	175,000.00	\$	159,503.00	\$	138,516.00	\$	146,911.00
St. Augustine Society - SFH Crisis Center	\$	115,313.00	\$	300,000.00	\$	219,095.00	\$	190,266.00	\$	201,798.00
St Augustine Society - Port in the Storm	\$	79,380.00	\$	200,000.00	\$	113,232.00	\$	113,185.00	\$	138,915.00
Total Affordable Housing and Homelessness	\$	656,093.00	\$	1,243,343.00	\$	1,060,173.00	\$	1,010,310.00	\$	1,028,837.00

Funding Recommendations by Category – Employment Opportunities



AGENCY / PROGRAM	FY25 Funds Awarded	FY26 Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation 1	Funding Recommendation 2	Funding Recommendation 3
Category 3: Employment Opportunities					
Early Learning Coalition of North Florida - Child Care Assistance for At Risk/Economically Disadvantaged					
Families	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00
Total Employment Opportunities	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00

HHSAC Discussion and Vote



☐ HHSAC Members vote on proposed recommendation or provide feedback

Next Steps



- ☐ August 22, 2025 September 30, 2025: Notify agencies of awards and develop contracts
- ☐ September 4, 2025: Finalize funding recommendation letter to the BCC, signed by HHSAC Chair. Vote if necessary.
- October 7, 2025: Contracts presented to BCC *after* final St. Johns County Fiscal Year 2026 Budget is approved and adopted by the Commission.
- Blackout period remains in effect until contracts are executed.

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