



September 4, 2025

Krista Joseph, Chair
SJC Board of County Commissioners
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Dear Commissioner Joseph,

On August 21, 2025, the Health and Human Services Advisory Council (HHSAC) reviewed and discussed the Independent Agency Funding Program evaluation process, application scores, and funding recommendations. The funding methodology was primarily based on application scores and rankings, and community priorities and needs. The HHSAC voted unanimously on the following funding amounts for Fiscal Year 2026, and recommend these for approval by the Board of County Commissioners:

St. Augustine Youth Services – COACHES	\$ 188,201.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – Community Action Team (CAT)	\$ 111,720.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – Mobile Resource Team (MRT)	\$ 264,439.00
St. Augustine Youth Services – Care Coordinator	\$ 13,089.00
Betty Griffin Center – Hope Program	\$ 70,233.00
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare – JET Re-Entry	\$ 193,928.00
Council on Aging	\$ 236,528.00
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare – Adult Substance Use	\$ 251,450.00
Wildflower Healthcare	\$ 104,102.00
Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition	\$ 210,000.00
Betty Griffin Center – Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing	\$ 358,343.00
St. Augustine Society dba St. Francis House – SOS Outreach	\$ 138,516.00
St. Augustine Society dba St. Francis House – St. Francis Housing Crisis Center	\$ 190,266.00
St. Augustine Society dba St. Francis House – Port in the Storm	\$ 113,185.00
Early Learning Coalition of North Florida	\$ 134,000.00
FY26 Total HHS Independent Agency Funding	\$ 2,578,000.00

We would like to commend County staff that supported and assisted us throughout the year. We continue to request staff support to help the Health and Human Services Advisory Council succeed in accomplishing its mission.

Respectfully,


Dr. Tara Haley, Chair
Health & Human Services Advisory Council

cc: Joy Andrews, Commissioner Christian Whitehurst, Commissioner Sarah Arnold, Commissioner Ann Taylor, Commissioner Clay Murphy

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-384

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL; APPROVING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENT TEMPLATE TO BE USED BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT THE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTING THE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, each year St. Johns County provides funding to nonprofit agencies that provide health, human, or social services to the residents of St. Johns County through its Independent Agency Funding Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Health and Human Services Department ("Department") implemented a competitive application process for fiscal year 2025-2026 funding of the Program; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County Health and Human Services Advisory Council evaluated application scores and submits its FY 2025-2026 funding recommendations to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners for approval, as attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

WHEREAS, to implement the funding recommendations, each nonprofit agency will need to enter into a Funding Agreement with the County in substantially the same form as the template attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the terms, conditions, and requirements of the Funding Agreement template and determined that entering into the agreements serves the best interests of the citizens of St. Johns County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, as follows:

Section 1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board accepts the St. Johns County Health and Human Services Advisory Council's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 funding recommendations for the Independent

Agency Funding Program as provided in **Exhibit 1**.

Section 3. The Board approves the terms, conditions, and requirements of the Funding Agreement in substantially the same form as the template attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

Section 4. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any subsequent amendments or extensions to the Funding Agreements, without further Board action, that do not propose to amend, modify, or otherwise change the funding, material terms, conditions, provisions, or requirements of the Funding Agreement.

Section 5. To the extent that there are typographical, administrative, or scrivener's errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, this Resolution may be revised without further action by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 6. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, and this 7th day of October 2025.

Rendition Date OCT 08 2025

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____

Krista Joseph, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of
the Circuit Court and Comptroller

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

