

St. Johns County Independent Agency Funding Program Fiscal Year 2027

**Health and Human Services Department
August 20, 2026**



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- ☐ Brief review of application, ranking and evaluation process
- ☐ Recap of scores by category/rank; comparison of FY27 and FY26 percentages
- ☐ Presentation of Recommended Funding to HHSAC
- ☐ HHSAC Discussion and Vote
- ☐ Next steps

Independent Agency Application, Ranking and Evaluation Process

- ☐ April 27, 2026: Notice of funding availability for Fiscal Year 2027 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 27, 2026 and May 29, 2026 at 3:00 PM. 27 applications were received by the deadline.
- ☐ The amount of funding requested from all applications equals \$5,100,658, while a proposed \$2,578,000 is available **pending BCC budget approval**.
- ☐ Contract Coordinator was available for questions until May 15, 2026. Questions and answers were posted on the HHS website on Monday, May 18, 2026. Technical assistance with the eCivis Portal was available until application due date.
- ☐ Application scores were announced at the HHSAC general meeting on August 6, 2026
- ☐ Scoring Committee consisted of three (3) HHS Advisory Council members, HHS Assistant Director, and HHS Social Services Manager.
- ☐ Each Committee member evaluated all 27 applications via the eCivis Portal.

Recap of Scores

Category 1: Affordable Housing and Homelessness



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FY27 Independent Agency Funding Application - Score Summary

	AGENCY	PROGRAM	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5	Subtotal	Admin Review	Total Score	Total Possible Score	FY27 %	FY26 %
			Total Score	Total Score	Total Score	Total Score	Total Score		Deductions	Grand Total	Grand Total		
Category 1: Affordable Housing and Homelessness													
1	St. Augustine Society	St. Francis House Crisis Center	205	192	180	201	201	979	(5)	974	207*5= 1035	94.11%	81.74%
2	St. Augustine Society	SOS Street Outreach Program	205	191	174	204	183	957	(5)	952	207*5= 1035	91.98%	82.13%
3	St. Augustine Society	Port in the Storm	205	175	158	202	205	945	(5)	940	207*5= 1035	90.82%	78.45%
4	Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition	Hope for the Homeless Permanent Affordable Housing Program	198	169	153	203	202	925	0	925	207*5= 1035	89.37%	85.12%
5	Betty Griffin Center	Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing	205	170	161	205	182	923	(5)	918	207*5= 1035	88.70%	83.57%
6	Catholic Charities	Emergency Financial Assistance Program & Homeless Prevention	189	151	150	193	150	833	0	833	207*5= 1035	80.48%	N/A
7	Operation Lifeline	Homeless Prevention & Housing Stability Initiative	188	150	127	197	161	823	0	823	207*5= 1035	79.52%	N/A
8	Habitat for Humanity	Building Capacity for Homeownership	192	161	125	194	147	819	0	819	207*5= 1035	79.13%	N/A
9	St. Gerard Campus	Pathways to Stability: A Two-Generation Program for Young Mothers	193	152	135	201	134	815	0	815	207*5= 1035	78.74%	N/A
10	Alpha Omega Miracle Homes	Affordable Housing: AOMH Apartment Rentals	184	123	117	203	115	742	0	742	207*5= 1035	71.69%	N/A

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Category 2: Community Healthcare



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			Category 2: Community Healthcare										
11	Council on Aging	Home and Community Based Supportive Services for the Elderly	197	183	169	197	187	933	0	933	201*5= 1005	92.84%	80.30%
12	St. Augustine Youth Services	Community Action Team (CAT)	207	193	168	206	202	976	(5)	971	213*5= 1065	91.17%	84.32%
13	St. Augustine Youth Services	Mobile Response Team (MRT)	207	194	167	208	197	973	(5)	968	213*5= 1065	90.89%	83.85%
14	EPIC Behavioral Healthcare	Adult Substance Use Outpatient Treatment	207	169	176	207	202	961	(5)	956	213*5= 1065	89.77%	79.44%
15	St. Augustine Youth Services	COACHES	208	189	155	211	198	961	(5)	956	213*5= 1065	89.77%	84.69%
16	EPIC Behavioral Healthcare	JET Re-Entry Program	207	186	160	206	201	960	(5)	955	213*5= 1065	89.67%	81.31%
17	St. Augustine Youth Services	Care Coordinator	204	188	154	210	194	950	(5)	945	213*5= 1065	88.73%	82.82%
18	Betty Griffin Center	Hope Program	207	165	155	208	197	932	(5)	927	213*5= 1065	87.04%	81.41%

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Category 2: Community Healthcare *cont.*



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			Category 2: Community Healthcare										
19	Wildflower Healthcare	Community Healthcare Initiative	197	159	142	199	183	880	(25)	855	201*5= 1005	85.07%	56.92%
20	SMA Healthcare	St. Johns Psychiatric Med Outpatient Services	207	166	144	207	175	899	0	899	213*5= 1065	84.41%	N/A
21	The Protential Foundation	Passport to Prosperity: Healthy Futures Youth Behavioral Health and Family Support Initiative	184	172	133	186	169	844	0	844	201*5= 1005	83.98%	N/A
22	The Arc of the St. Johns	Arconnections Community Hub North: Expanding IDD Specialized Behavioral Healthcare Access in St. Johns County	205	165	159	205	152	886	0	886	213*5= 1065	83.19%	N/A
23	The Playful Family	Playful Families Forward: Parenting & Wellness Support for Working Families	170	118	114	166	149	717	(15)	702	201*5= 1005	69.85%	N/A
24	The Playful Family	Play it Safe: Family Drug Disposal & Safety Program	168	108	110	170	138	694	0	694	201*5= 1005	69.05%	N/A
25	The Playful Family	Belong: A Youth Mentorship & Enrichment Program	169	97	106	160	155	687	0	687	201*5= 1005	68.36%	N/A

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Category 3: Employment Opportunities



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			Category 3: Employment Opportunities										
26	Early Learning Coalition of North Florida	Child Care Assistance for At Risk Families	198	163	143	193	187	884	(10)	874	201*5= 1005	86.97%	85.87%
27	Fostering Connections	Fostering Connections Career Readiness Academy	188	154	112	182	156	792	0	792	201*5= 1005	78.81%	N/A

Funding Recommendation Methodology

- ❑ Priorities are based on data collected through the St. Johns County Community Needs Assessment 2025-2026, and staff knowledge of service gaps and needs. Priorities and funding categories are as follows:
 - ❑ Category 1: Affordable Housing and Homelessness
 - ❑ Category 2: Community Healthcare
 - ❑ Category 3: Employment Opportunities
- ❑ FY27 HHS Independent Agency funding, if approved by the BCC, remains consistent with last year's allocation of \$2,578,000; however, **this is proposed funding only**, and is contingent upon several factors.
- ❑ Three (3) funding options for awards 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 preclude multiple programs from receiving funding.

Funding Recommendation Methodology *cont.*

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Funding Recommendation Option 1

- ❑ Identified priorities based on data collected through the St. Johns County Community Needs Assessment 2025-2026, 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.
- ❑ Highest ranking application in Category 1 (and overall) receives 25% increase; highest ranking applications in Categories 2 and 3 remain flat; 2% decrease to returning programs scoring at least 85% (top down).
- ❑ Agencies with applications scoring less than 85% 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 St. Johns County Community Needs Assessment 2025-2026, 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.
- ❑ Flat funding to returning programs scoring at least 85%.
- ❑ Agencies with applications scoring less than 85% were not recommended for funding.
- ❑ Administrative funds allowed; no more than 5% of Personnel and Program costs.

Funding Recommendation Option 3

- ❑ Identified priorities based on data collected through the St. Johns County Community Needs Assessment 2025-2026, 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.
- ❑ Highest ranking application in Category 1 (and overall) receives approx. 10% increase; highest ranking application in Category 2, full ask (4.5% increase); highest ranking application in Category 3 (flat); 1.5% decrease to returning programs scoring at least 85%.
- ❑ Agencies with applications scoring less than 85% were not recommended for funding.
- ❑ Administrative funds allowed; no more than 5% of Personnel and Program costs.

Funding Recommendations by Category – *Affordable Housing and Homelessness*



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FY27 Independent Agency Recommended Funding

AGENCY / PROGRAM	FY26 Funds Awarded	FY27 Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation 1	Funding Recommendation 2	Funding Recommendation 3
Category 1: Affordable Housing and Homelessness					
St. Augustine Society - St. Francis House Crisis Center	\$ 190,266.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 237,833.00	\$ 190,266.00	\$ 209,815.00
St. Augustine Society - SOS Street Outreach	\$ 138,516.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 135,746.00	\$ 138,516.00	\$ 136,438.00
St Augustine Society - Port in the Storm	\$ 113,185.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 110,921.00	\$ 113,185.00	\$ 111,487.00
ESHC - Hope for the Homeless Permanent Affordable Housing Program	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 205,800.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 206,850.00
Betty Griffin Center - Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing	\$ 358,343.00	\$ 387,107.00	\$ 351,176.00	\$ 358,343.00	\$ 352,968.00
Catholic Charities - Emergency Financial Assistance Program & Homeless Prevention	N/A	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operation Lifeline - Homeless Prevention & Housing Stability Initiative	N/A	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Habitat for Humanity - Building Capacity for Homeownership	N/A	\$ 68,208.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
St. Gerard Campus - Pathways to Stability: A Two-Generation Program for Young Mothers	N/A	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Alpha Omega Miracle Homes - Affordable Housing: AOMH Apartment Rentals	N/A	\$ 148,693.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Affordable Housing and Homelessness	\$ 1,010,310.00	\$ 2,454,008.00	\$ 1,041,476.00	\$ 1,010,310.00	\$ 1,017,558.00

Funding Recommendations by Category – *Community Healthcare*

FY27 Independent Agency Recommended Funding

AGENCY / PROGRAM	FY26 Funds Awarded	FY27 Funds Requested	Funding Recommendation 1	Funding Recommendation 2	Funding Recommendation 3
Category 2: Community Healthcare					
Council on Aging - Home and Community Based Supportive Services for the Elderly	\$ 236,528.00	\$ 247,238.00	\$ 236,528.00	\$ 236,528.00	\$ 247,238.00
St. Augustine Youth Services - CAT	\$ 111,720.00	\$ 222,665.00	\$ 109,486.00	\$ 111,720.00	\$ 110,044.00
St. Augustine Youth Services - MRT	\$ 264,439.00	\$ 349,890.00	\$ 259,150.00	\$ 264,439.00	\$ 260,472.00
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare - Adult Substance Use Outpatient Treatment	\$ 251,450.00	\$ 270,411.00	\$ 246,421.00	\$ 251,450.00	\$ 247,678.00
St. Augustine Youth Services - COACHES	\$ 188,201.00	\$ 312,709.00	\$ 184,437.00	\$ 188,201.00	\$ 185,378.00
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare - JET Re-Entry Program	\$ 193,928.00	\$ 219,180.00	\$ 190,049.00	\$ 193,928.00	\$ 191,019.00
St. Augustine Youth Services - Care Coordinator	\$ 13,089.00	\$ 15,645.00	\$ 12,827.00	\$ 13,089.00	\$ 12,893.00
Betty Griffin Center - Hope Program	\$ 70,233.00	\$ 76,921.00	\$ 68,828.00	\$ 70,233.00	\$ 69,180.00
Wildflower Healthcare - Community Healthcare Initiative	\$ 104,102.00	\$ 187,479.00	\$ 94,798.00	\$ 104,102.00	\$ 102,540.00
SMA Healthcare - St. Johns Psychiatric Med Outpatient Services	N/A	\$ 127,512.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The Protential Foundation - Passport to Prosperity: Healthy Futures Youth Behavioral Health and Family Support Initiative	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 147,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The Arc of the St. Johns - Arconnections Community Hub North: Expanding IDD Specialized Behavioral Healthcare Access in St. Johns County	N/A	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The Playful Family - Playful Families Forward: Parenting & Wellness Support for Working Families	N/A	\$ 132,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The Playful Family - Play it Safe: Family Drug Disposal & Safety Program	N/A	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The Playful Family - Belong: A Youth Mentorship & Enrichment Program	N/A	\$ 57,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Community Healthcare	\$ 1,513,690.00	\$ 2,466,650.00	\$ 1,402,524.00	\$ 1,433,690.00	\$ 1,426,442.00



Funding Recommendations by Category – *Employment Opportunities*

FY27 Independent Agency Recommended Funding

AGENCY / PROGRAM	FY26 Funds Awarded	FY27 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	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00
Fostering Connections - Fostering Connections Career Readiness Academy	N/A	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Employment Opportunities	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00

Funding Recommendations by Category – *Grand Total All Funding Categories*

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FY27 Independent Agency Recommended Funding

AGENCY / PROGRAM	FY26 Funds Awarded	FY27 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: Affordable Housing and Homelessness								
Total Affordable Housing and Homelessness	\$ 1,010,310.00	\$ 2,454,008.00	\$ 1,041,476.00	40%	\$ 1,010,310.00	39%	\$ 1,017,558.00	39%
Category 2: Community Healthcare								
Total Community Healthcare	\$ 1,513,690.00	\$ 2,466,650.00	\$ 1,402,524.00	54%	\$ 1,433,690.00	56%	\$ 1,426,442.00	55%
Category 3: Employment Opportunities								
Total Employment Opportunities	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	5%	\$ 134,000.00	5%	\$ 134,000.00	5%
Grand Total All Funding Categories	\$ 2,658,000.00	\$ 5,100,658.00	\$ 2,578,000.00	100%	\$ 2,578,000.00	100%	\$ 2,578,000.00	100%

HHSAC Discussion and Vote

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- ☐ HHSAC Members vote on proposed recommendation or provide feedback

Next Steps

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- ☐ September 3, 2026: Initial Budget Hearing at 5:01pm
- ☐ September 15, 2026: Final FY27 budget approval/adoption by the Board of County Commissioners
- ☐ November 3, 2026: General Election Day
- ☐ Additional Next Steps **TBD** pending additional guidance from St. Johns County Administration and Board of County Commissioners
- ☐ **Blackout period remains in effect until contracts are executed.**

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