



MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

February 23, 2021

Florida Department of Children and Families
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Attn: Michele Staffieri, Procurement Manager
1317 Winewood Blvd. Bldg. 6, Room 231
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant
RFA 2021 001/Designation Letter

Dear Ms. Staffieri,

In compliance with grant requirements, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners designates Centerstone of Florida, Inc. to apply to the above-named grant on behalf of Manatee County.

On January 20, 2021, at its regular meeting, the members of the Manatee County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) and Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Planning Council, Advisory Board to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners met, and discussed the Criminal Justice Reinvestment grant process and program proposed by Centerstone of Florida, Inc. to implement a Comprehensive Treatment Court program in Manatee County. The PSCC fully supported the program and recommended Centerstone to apply to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant on behalf of Manatee County.

Please accept this letter as Centerstone of Florida, Inc. Designation Letter.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA


Vanessa Baugh
Chair

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Approved in Open Session 2/23/21
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

Board of County Commissioners February 23, 2021 – Regular Meeting

SUBJECT

EXECUTION OF DESIGNATION LETTER AUTHORIZING CENTERSTONE OF FLORIDA, INC. TO APPLY FOR A CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT

Category

CONSENT AGENDA

Briefings

Briefing Provided Upon Request

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Ava Ehde, Neighborhood Services Director, Ext. 3974

Dr. Renese M. Remy, Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator, Ext. 3722

Action Requested

Authorize the Chairperson to sign a Designation Letter authorizing Centerstone of Florida, Inc. to apply for a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant as recommended by the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) and Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHTA) Planning Council Advisory Board to the Board of County Commissioners.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Florida Statutes Chapter 125

Florida Statutes 394.656

Background Discussion

On January 20, 2021, at its regular meeting, the members of the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) and Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHTA) Planning Council fully supported Centerstone and recommended Centerstone apply for the Reinvestment Grant on behalf of the County. The Department of Children and Families released Request for Applications # RFA 2021 001 for a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant on January 20, 2021. This grant will be used to implement a Manatee County Comprehensive Court Program.

The Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Reinvestment Grant Program was created by Section 394.656, Florida Statutes, and is housed within the Department of Children and Families (Department). The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to provide funding to counties under the Reinvestment Grant Program, which they may use to plan, implement, or expand initiatives that increase public safety, avert increased spending on criminal and juvenile justice systems, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults and juveniles who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal or juvenile justice systems.

After discussing the solicitation requirements, current resources, and stakeholders support, Centerstone of Florida, Inc. (Centerstone) studied the feasibility of applying for this grant on behalf of Manatee County, pursuant to Section 394.656, Florida Statutes, in conjunction with Executive Order 18-81, Centerstone of Florida, Inc.

Overall Grant Maximum: \$1,200,000 per county. Project Period: 36 months.

The maximum allowable grant award per county is \$400,000 per year for a total of \$1,200,000 for the 36-month period. Grant funding must be spent within 36 months from the execution of a Grant Agreement by the Department. Implementation and Expansion Grants will not be renewed at the end of the 36-month grant period.

Additional members have been added to the PSCC per Section 394.657(2)(a), Florida Statutes, to obtain additional insight from the provider/consumer's point of view as per grant requirements. This Advisory Board is now known as the PSCC and CJMHS Planning Council with Commissioner Reggie Bellamy as Chair and Dr. Renese M. Remy providing staff support.

With the application, any entity designated by the County Planning Council or Committee must submit a letter certified by the County Planning Council or Committee designating the entity to apply for the RFA on behalf of the County. A certified letter designating Centerstone as the applicant on behalf of Manatee County is required per the solicitation requirements.

The grant application is due March 9, 2021, at 11:00 am.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Other (if applicable)

Reviewing Attorney

Instructions to Board Records

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL: Original Certified Designation Letter signed by Board of County Commissioners chair is needed for grant application. Please contact Dr. Renese M. Remy, Neighborhood Services, at ext. 3722 or email renese.remy@mymanatee.org.

Per Dr. Remy, the executed letter was sent to Dr. Remy via courier mail, 2/24/21, RT

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A