



Item:

Recommendation for Award for RFP 2021-07 Help Me Grow Alachua

Requested Action:

- 1) The Trust is asked to approve the recommendation for award to the Children's Home Society of Florida and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$220,000.

Background:

On September 13, 2021, the Trust approved Resolution 2021- 13 authorizing the release of RFP 2021-07 Help Me Grow Alachua. Help Me Grow is designed so all children have the best possible start in life by providing free developmental and behavioral screenings. Families benefit as Help Me Grow listens to them, links them to services, and provides ongoing support.

The Trust held a bidders' conference on October 1, 2021. The Trust provided responses to all questions received during the cone of silence. Questions were posted as an addendum for providers to acknowledge and reference before submitting final responses. Final responses were due Monday, November 15 by 5pm ET. Three (3) organizations submitted responses and were deemed to be responsive:

- UF Health
- Children's Home Society of Florida
- Little People Preparatory Preschool

The review team consisted of three subject matter experts:

- Mia Jones, Children's Trust of Alachua County
- Dr. Herman Knopf, UF's Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies
- Alexandra Goldberg, Children's Forum Help Me Grow Florida

The review team scored the proposals separately. The review team then met at a publicly noticed meeting on December 3, 2021 to discuss the scoring.

Following the meeting, the final scores were tallied and Children's Home Society of Florida received the highest score.

Attachments:

RFP 2021-07 Help Me Grow Alachua Scoring Summary

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 3- All children have nurturing and supportive caregivers and relationships

Strategy 3.1- Supporting Initiatives that Connect Families to Resources.

Fiscal Impact:

\$220,000 for FY2021-2022

Account number 001.15.1500.569.82.00

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval