



**Item:**

City of Gainesville Community Development Block Grant & Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) Agreement (Kristy Goldwire)

**Requested Action:**

The Children's Trust is asked to authorize staff to accept grant funding from the following organizations:

1. Lutheran Services Florida, in an amount not to exceed \$227,248
2. City of Gainesville Community Development Block Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000

**Background:**

**City of Gainesville Community Development Grant:** Following marketing and promotion efforts for the TeensWork Alachua (TWA) program, the City of Gainesville approved a funding application submitted by the Children's Trust. The grant will fund summer internships for 40 TWA unduplicated youth from low- or moderate-income households. Participants will engage in the six-week program with a focus on developing their employability skills. Each youth will be compensated at \$13 per hour, for up to 25 hours per week over a six-week period.

**Lutheran Services Florida:** In FY 2021-2022, the Children's Trust Board designated the Trust as the fiscal agent for the Alachua County Opioid Task Force. The Task Force was created in response to the county's adolescent addiction and overdose rates ranking among the highest in the State of Florida. The task force is charged with raising awareness of the opioid and fentanyl crisis. The county-wide awareness campaign will target smaller, rural municipalities as well as the county's urban core.

Since its inception, the Task Force has leveraged dollars from the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement (Opioid Settlement) in Alachua County, via the management of LSF. Funding will be used to implement a full range of marketing strategies to educate Alachua County residents, an awareness campaign that utilizes community leaders in each municipality to identify targeted, unique strategies for communicating with residents in each municipality, social media, radio, television, billboards, and promotional material to assist residents in understanding the dangers and the proximity of this epidemic to Alachua County.

**Attachments:**

N/A

**Programmatic Impact:**

Goal 1: Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships.

Goal 2: Children and youth learn what they need to be successful.

Goal 3: Children and youth live in a safe community.

**Fiscal Impact:**

City of Gainesville Community Block Grant: \$78,000

Lutheran Services Florida: \$227,248

Total: \$305,248

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval.