



Item:

Recommendation for Award – Youth Health RFP 2024-01

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to:

- 1) Approve Resolutions 2024 -08, Youth Health RFP Award Recommendation, not to exceed \$600,000.
- 2) Authorize the staff to negotiate and execute contracts with the following organizations:
 - a. University Florida – Saving Smiles
 - b. Children’s Home Society of Florida

Background:

In making this recommendation, the process described below was used in accordance with Board Policy 6.50 C – Competitive Sealed Proposals.

Description of Process

- 1) The RFP was reviewed and approved for release by the Board on April 8, 2024 through Resolution 2024-02.
- 2) A notice of Request for Proposals was advertised via Alachua County’s Legal Notice site.
- 3) The RFP, which can be found below contains the provisions approved by the Board. <https://www.childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us/programs/page/2024-01-youth-health-request-proposal-rfp>
 - a) The minimum qualifications to bid on page 2 of the RFP.
 - b) The RFP Scope of Services on page 2-7.
 - c) The evaluation criteria are defined on pages 7-10 of the RFP.
- 4) During the 49-day proposal preparation period questions were submitted concerning the project. Responses to these questions were approved by the Director of Program Operations and posted in SAMIS. The question and answer period was from April 11, 2024 – May 9 2024.
- 5) As of May 30, 2024, 3:00 PM, 5 responses were submitted. (***See “Bid Opening”***).

- 6) A volunteer review team utilized the evaluation criteria as specified in the RFP to evaluate and score the proposals as follows:
 - a) A scoring rubric was used as a guide by the review team to determine the best score for each criterion. Provider scores were completed independently by the Review Team, composed of Abigail Perret-Gentil, Alexandria Days, Gigi Simmons, Reathea Reese Felder.
 - b) All proposals were examined for proper form by the Director of Programs.
 - c) The following organizations were invited to conduct a provider presentation on July 25, 2024.
 - a) University Florida – Saving Smiles
 - b) Children’s Home Society
 - c) Health Education & Training Center
 - d) The following organization was found to be non-responsive. Non-responsive proposals are defined as a proposal that does not meet the requirements and/or the intent of the RFP.
 - a) Health Education & Training Center
 - e) A public meeting to discuss scoring was held on July 29, 2024. As a result of that meeting, a consensus score was developed.
 - f) The results of the evaluation team were presented in written form to the Executive Director.
- 7) Attached are the scores for each applicant.

Award Recommendation

Taking into consideration the review process described below, Board Policy 6.50, C,9 tasks the Executive Director with making a recommendation. The Executive Director recommends the selection of University of Florida – Saving Smiles and Children’s Home Society of Florida **for** \$600,000 to provide the required services as specified below:

- a) **Preventative Dental Care and Education:** Oral healthcare continues to be one of the greatest unmet needs for children and youth in Alachua County. The 23-24 Dental Screening for Alachua County’s 3rd grade students indicates there is a high prevalence of children with urgent dental needs and many children with untreated cavities. To address local dental concerns for Alachua County’s youth, applicants should propose preventative pediatric dental care for youth and children, ages 0-18. Applicants should incorporate ways to educate patients and their families about healthy dental practices. Services should be offered throughout the county and in community-based settings, including rural communities. Services should be offered during traditional and non-traditional times to

eliminate barriers to access. Applicants shall incorporate the Community Health Worker (CHW) model. CHW's should be used to provide education and awareness of healthy dental habits, care coordination, and connecting families to resources and insurance needs.

- b) **Wellness and Healthcare Navigation:** Research has shown effective wellness programs can lead to a reduction of absenteeism, and healthcare costs. Wellness Navigators serve as a bridge between family and provider, building a rapport with student and parent and guiding them through the healthcare system to eliminate barriers that may otherwise prevent access to care. Funding for wellness navigators is to support existing community-based health and wellness programs that are located in settings where there is a captive audience of children and youth. Proposals should detail current operations and location, target population, and navigation services offered. Applicants should be prepared to articulate model effectiveness and success. **Note: Funding is limited to wellness programs that are in operation and serving children and youth at the time of RFP release.**

Attachments:

Bid Opening
RFP Scope
Scoring Summary
Award Recommendation PowerPoint

Programmatic Impact:

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

Fiscal Impact:

\$600,000

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval