



AGENDA ITEM

TITLE

Approval of Hernando County Opioid Preventions Grant Awards - Round 3

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BRIEF OVERVIEW

On January 31, 2025, Hernando County Health and Human Services announced Requests for Application in the amount of \$800,000 from the settlement agreement funds negotiated through the State of Florida Attorney General Office and various counties as a result of the opioid epidemic.

Applications and requested amounts were received by the following providers:

NAMI Hernando:	\$123,400.00
Operation Par:	\$219,265.22
Recovery Epicenter Foundation:	\$641,228.00
Fifth Judicial Circuit:	\$124,500.00
BayCare Behavioral Health Associates:	\$138,558.00
Premier Community HealthCare Group:	\$170,002.00

The scoring committee consisting of Veda Ramirez, Director, Housing and Supportive Services, Shelly Katz, Chief Operating Officer, LSF Health Systems, Steven Pasquale, Mental Health Substance Abuse Coordinator, and Antonin Cancelli, Mental Health Substance Abuse Data Analyst scored all submitted applications, and the following scores were received.

Fifth Judicial Circuit:	338/400
Operation Par:	318/400
NAMI Hernando:	317/400
BayCare Behavioral Health:	315/400
Recovery Epicenter:	270/400
Premier Community HealthCare:	266/400

Should the Board award funding based on the scores received and funding availability this round, staff presents the following, which consist of Medication Assisted Treatment (3), Recovery Support (2), Wraparound Services (2) and services for those involved in the Criminal Justice System (3).

Fifth Judicial Circuit:	\$124,500.00
Operation Par:	\$214,074.02 (Indirect cost deleted, not allowed per application.)
NAMI Hernando:	\$123,400.00
BayCare Behavioral Health:	\$138,558.00

Premier Community HealthCare: \$170,002.00
 Recovery Epicenter: \$29,465.98 (Less amount based on score and funding of others.)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Opioid settlement abatement funds are available, pending the attached budget amendment, in:

Fund: 1557 - Opioid Settlement; **Department: 01557** - Opioid Settlement, **Account: 5808201** - Aid to Private Organization

LEGAL NOTE

The Board has authority to act on this matter pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statute.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board review, approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the attached Grant Agreements to Combat Opioid Abuse in Hernando County and associated budget amendment.

REVIEW PROCESS

Veda Ramirez	Approved	04/24/2025 6:37 PM
Mindy Rivera	Delegated	04/28/2025 2:26 PM
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Approved	05/01/2025 10:16 AM
Shaun Kusnierczak	Approved	05/01/2025 10:58 AM
Albert Bertram	Delegated	05/01/2025 2:07 PM
Amelia Gebala	Approved	05/01/2025 3:06 PM
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Toni Brady	Approved	05/05/2025 5:28 PM
Jeffrey Rogers	Approved	05/06/2025 10:32 AM
Colleen Conko	Approved	05/06/2025 11:07 AM

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion