

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
CONSENT AGENDA
Meeting of October 1, 2009

TO: The Honorable Jeff Danner, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a standard grant agreement between Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc., and the City of St. Petersburg in the amount of \$100,000 for services and operating expenses for Pinellas Hope, for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

EXPLANATION: Pinellas Hope originally opened on December 1, 2007 as a five (5) month pilot program to provide a safe environment for homeless individuals in Pinellas County who were living on the streets. Mr. Harry Stonecipher, the former CEO of Boeing, provided a \$500,000 contribution to purchase modular restrooms, install utilities and complete other necessary site work. The City of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg College, Progress Energy and other local businesses provided the resources to set-up the facility. Pinellas County provided the \$461,000 operating budget for the pilot program. It is located in mid-county on land owned by the Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg ("CCDOSP"). CCDOSP managed and operated Pinellas Hope during this five (5) month pilot program.

Both the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership led the efforts to keep Pinellas Hope open from May 1 through September 30, 2008. The business community and faith-based organizations supported these efforts by committing approximately \$200,000 towards this program. CCDOSP agreed to continue to manage and operate Pinellas Hope during this period.

Pinellas County took the leadership role in providing additional funds in an amount up to \$764,000 for CCDOSP to continue to operate this program from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The City of St. Petersburg provided \$250,000 as part of the Adopted FY09 Budget to continue to operate Pinellas Hope. Other cities including Clearwater, Largo, Seminole and Oldsmar also committed funds to continue the operation of Pinellas Hope during this fiscal year.

The City's Adopted FY10 Budget includes \$100,000 for services and operating expenses of Pinellas Hope. CCDOSP will also receive \$150,000 through a sub-grant agreement with the City using funds from the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. CCDOSP has submitted a competitive application to Pinellas County through the Social Action Funding Committee (Committee). The Committee will be reviewing and rating the applications for recommendations to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners on November 3, 2009. CCDOSP has requested \$600,000 from Pinellas County to fund Pinellas Hope for FY10.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to execute a standard grant agreement between Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc., and the City of St. Petersburg in the amount of \$100,000 for services and operating expenses for Pinellas Hope, for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: \$100,000 was approved in the General Fund as a part of the Adopted FY10 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

APPROVALS: Administrative: 1 [Signature]
Budget: [Signature]
Legal: [Signature]

Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC. AND THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR PINELLAS HOPE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Pinellas Hope began as a pilot project to address the problem of an increase in the homeless population within the City of St. Petersburg ("City") and Pinellas County by providing temporary housing, employment opportunities, and other homeless services beneficial to both the City and homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, during the pilot project, Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. ("Agency") effectively undertook the responsibility for managing and overseeing Pinellas Hope's day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a voluntary, non-profit corporation which is open to the public and dedicated to a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, providing funding to the Agency for the management of Pinellas Hope is consistent with the City's desire to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, funds were approved in the General Fund as a part of the Adopted Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute a standard grant agreement between Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. and the City of St. Petersburg in the amount of \$100,000 for services and other operating expenses for Pinellas Hope for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

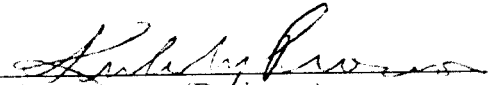
This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED BY BUDGET:



Budget Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:



City Attorney (Designee)

By: Kimberly P. P. P.