

**Charlotte County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Item Number: F- 3

1 DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST

Budget and Administrative Services

2 MEETING DATE

7/22/2014 9:00:00 AM

3 REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION

Approve a Resolution designating Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Inc. as the recipient of the Charlotte County Drug Abuse Trust Fund grant, and approve the transfer of \$28,000 from the Drug Abuse Trust Fund to Charlotte Behavioral Health Care to purchase four treatment slots in support of the Charlotte County Drug Court Program.

4 AGENDA

Consent

5 IS THIS ITEM BUDGETED (IF APPLICABLE) - Yes

Budget Action

Funding from the Drug Abuse Trust Fund approved in the FY13/14 Budget Process.

Financial Impact Summary Statement

Funding for this expenditure comes from the Drug Abuse Trust Fund. Per FL Statute 938.23: Revenue is collected from assessments that are imposed on persons found guilty of any misdemeanor in which the unlawful use of drugs or alcohol is involved and can be allocated to local substance abuse programs.

Detailed Analysis Attached - No

Budget Officer-

6 BACKGROUND (Why is this Action Necessary, and What Action will be accomplished)

Charlotte County Drug Court offers its court supervised treatment program as an alternative to incarceration for qualified non-violent offenders by helping participants achieve community re-integration and helping participants to establish productive drug free life styles.

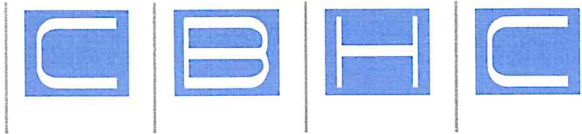
For the past year drug court has maintained an average census of 25-29 participants. Without county support the drug court program would only be able to sustain approximately 21 participants.

County support will allow Charlotte Behavioral Health Care to maintain drug court at its current level.

ATTACHMENTS:

Name:	Description:	Type:
<input type="checkbox"/> CC Drug Court Ltr.pdf	Exhibit	Exhibit
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte Behavioral Drug Abuse Trust Fund Resolution.doc	Exhibit	Exhibit

CHARLOTTE



Behavioral Health Care

Jay Glynn, LMHC
Chief Executive Officer

May 27, 2014

Board of Charlotte County Commissioners
Charlotte County Administration Center
18500 Murdock Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

RE: CHARLOTTE COUNTY DRUG COURT PROGRAM

To The Board of County Commissioners:

The Charlotte County Drug Court/Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Inc., respectfully requests the continued funding support from the Drug Abuse Trust Fund:

- Sustain a census of twenty-five (25) participants through the purchase of four (4) treatment slots at \$7,000 per slot. Total request: \$28,000

The Charlotte County Drug Court Program began in 1999 as a combined partnership between the Drug Court Judge, State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Court Administration, Department of Corrections and Charlotte Behavioral Healthcare also known as the Drug Court Team. Drug Court participants are involved in a cooperative year-long, multi-phase program of substance abuse treatment, under the supervision of the Drug Court Team. The frequency of court appearances and frequency of substance abuse treatment tapers off as a participant moves through the Phases of the program. Drug screens are conducted several times each week to ensure compliance with the drug/alcohol abstinence requirements of the program and to reinforce sobriety. The Charlotte County Drug Court offers its court supervised treatment program as an alternative to incarceration for qualified non-violent offenders by helping participants achieve community re-integration and helping participants to establish productive and drug-free lifestyles. The cost-benefit of the drug court program is realized through savings associated with reduced costs of incarceration, lower recidivism, reduced costs to the court system and increased public safety.

For the past year, we have maintained an average census of 25-29 participants. Without your continued financial support through the Trust Fund, the Charlotte County Drug Court Program would only be able to sustain capacity for approximately 21 individuals.

We will be pleased to provide any additional information on the effectiveness of our Charlotte County Drug Court Program.

1700 Education Ave.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 639-8300
Fax (941) 639-6831

We thank you for your continued assistance and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Glynn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jay Glynn, LMHC
Chief Executive Officer

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R E S O L U T I O N
NUMBER 2014-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY DRUG COURT/CHARLOTTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE, INC. AS A RECIPIENT OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY DRUG ABUSE TRUST FUND (#1017) TO BE USED TO ASSIST IN THE FUNDING OF DESIGNATED DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Charlotte County Drug Abuse Trust Fund (#1017) was established by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") for the purpose of receiving assessments collected by the Clerk of Court and disbursing assistance grants on an annual basis to qualified alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment or education programs pursuant to Section 893.165, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte County's fiscal year 2013/2014 budget for alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment or education programs is \$37,050; and

WHEREAS, Section 893.165, Florida Statutes, provides that the Board may annually designate recipients to receive assistance grants from the County Drug Abuse Trust Fund (#1017) based on the success of the recipient's program; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte County Drug Court/Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Inc. has requested \$28,000 from the Charlotte County Drug Abuse Trust Fund (#1017) (see attached letter from Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Inc.) to fund twenty-five (25) participants in the Charlotte County Drug Court Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that providing funding for designated drug and alcohol abuse prevention, treatment and education programs is an important public purpose that will benefit the citizens of Charlotte County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida:

1. That the above Recitals are hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

2. That the Board of County Commissioners hereby designates the Charlotte County Drug Court/Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Inc. as a recipient of \$28,000 from the Drug Abuse Trust Fund (#1017) to be used to assist in funding the above referenced program.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Kenneth W. Doherty, Chairman

ATTEST:
Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of
Circuit Court and Ex-Officio
Clerk to the Board of County
Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney
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