



## **C.A.R.E.S. Funding Proposed Action Plan**

After careful review of the disbursement of CARES Funding through the Grants Division, most of the funds were to address the immediate needs of the community regarding COVID-19. However, the aftereffects of COVID-19 are still devastating households with underemployment and lack of affordable housing.

The Grants Division has recognized through our various programs need for workforce development and assistance to those that are facing evictions. Many households are underemployed and struggling to afford the rising rent prices.

### **Program Opportunity:**

Workforce Development: The grant would be for \$30,000 - \$40,000 to go towards job readiness courses, materials, and/or programs. These programs should encompass training, resume building, and connecting individuals to jobs. We want to continue to support any organization that is assisting in the community with job readiness and skills. The organizations that the Grant Division has identified that could be assisted are:

- Boys and Girls Club Summer Internship Program: \$40,000
  - o This will assist youth with job readiness
- United Against Poverty STEP Program: \$40,000
  - o This program assist former felons, elderly, and those seeking additional job skills with finding better job opportunities
- Career Source: \$40,000
  - o This program assist veterans and those seeking additional job skills with finding better job opportunities
  - o Additionally, Career Source assist those in getting hireable skills such as welding.

Housing – Rapid Rehousing: The Rapid Rehousing Program is to assist individuals and families who are homeless according to the Florida Statutes. The Grants Division offered a Rapid Rehousing program to the community in April 2022. What became abundantly clear was the need to continue this service, especially for those that are going through the legal battle of eviction. The Grants Division was limited in its resources to assist with the legality of an eviction; however, the Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS) was identified to be a great community partner. FRLS has extensive experience with Emergency Rental Services and Eviction Prevention services. The Grants Division recommends funding the FRLS Emergency Rental and Eviction program (i.e. Rapid Rehousing).

- Florida Rural Legal Services: \$116,000