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The table below shows the financial assistance provided to prevent and end homelessness for households residing **ONLY** in the City of Ft. Pierce through the funding received by Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. for 2016-2017 and YTD for 2017-2018 which began in 07/01/2017.

**Financial Assistance Provided to Households in Ft. Pierce ZIP Codes**

Services Provided under PSH, ESG, Challenge and SSVF to household in <b>Ft. Pierce, FL</b>						
Grant	Type	Amount	Households	Adults	Children	Seniors
CoC Program	PSH	\$274,937.25	32	36	8	4
ESG 2016-2017	HP	\$6,315.57	7	8	12	0
ESG 2016-2017	RRH	\$45,146.66	32	47	48	4
ESG 2017-2018	HP	\$3,760	2	2	7	0
ESG 2017-2018	RRH	\$20,072	13	15	17	0
Challenge 2016-2017	RRH	\$7,278.20	9	17	14	0
SSVF 2016-2017	HP	\$11,483.98	11	21	2	2
SSVF 2016-2017	RRH	\$18,956.30	19	22	10	3

**HP= Homeless prevention, RRH=Rapid rehousing of homeless household**

**WE PAY LANDLORDS DIRECTLY, WE DO NOT PAY CLIENTS.**

We have W-9s, street addresses, landlord names, copies of checks and client files to prove the type and amount of assistance every household received in Ft. Pierce ZIPs.

**Financial Assistance to Chronically Homeless in Ft. Pierce, FL. CoC Program**

**Permanent Supportive Housing:** The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, CoC FL-509, has 3 permanent supportive housing projects serving people from Ft. Pierce. Rents are paid directly to local landlords to house severely disabled, chronically homeless persons, some with children. **\$274,937.00** was provided to Ft. Pierce landlords so far this year.

**Financial Assistance to House Families in Ft. Pierce, FL, ESG Program**

**Emergency Solutions Grant:** The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, CoC FL-509 utilizes its ESG grant to provide rent and utility assistance under the homeless prevention and rapid-rehousing components. **The STATE is the grantee**, TCHSC is a sub recipient, and receives funds only through a complete application process. **\$75,293.00** was provided in one year to Ft. Pierce families to prevent evictions and rehouse families who were homeless. 2<sup>nd</sup> year of grant began July 1, 2017.

**Financial Assistance to House Families in Ft. Pierce, FL, State**

**Challenge Grant:** Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council requested funds under the State's Challenge Grant for direct financial assistance for homeless clients on the Treasure Coast. **\$7,278** in funding assisted an additional 9 households in the City of Ft. Pierce.



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### **Financial Assistance to House Veterans in Ft. Pierce, FL SSVF**

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families:** The CoC partnered with St. Lucie County Veterans Services to provide financial assistance to Veterans in St. Lucie County, including those in Ft. Pierce. **\$30,349.00** was paid to landlords on behalf of 30 Veteran households with Ft. Pierce Zip codes. 19 households with 25 adults and 10 children were literally homeless.

**Access to Assistance in Ft. Pierce-** The CoC uses PATH Outreach workers and CoC intake staff to do pre-screening and to meet people in Ft. Pierce, including SLC Community Services Office, Ixoria Offices of New Horizons, and Mustard Seed Ministries. Many screenings and applications are completed by telephone, scan and fax. CoC Staff inspect ALL properties for habitability or HUD housing quality depending on funding source. New Horizons assists with some inspections in Ft. Pierce.

**ESG sub allocation-**As part of the ESG program, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council solicited participation by other community Agencies. **198 members of the CoC Mailing list received an application through E-mail. It was also on the Agency's website.** Nicholas Mimms, City of Ft. Pierce City Manager is on our CoC Mailing list and receives all meeting minutes and notices. The CoC received no application from the City of Ft. Pierce to participate in the ESG program. St. Lucie County Community Services, DCF and Mustard Seed, make direct referrals. PATH outreach workers from New Horizons are working with Ft. Pierce residents for the assistance year beginning 07/01/2017.

### **Continuum of Care Council Meetings**

18 Ft. Pierce Persons/Agencies involved with providing services to the City who participated in our last CoC meeting. Council Meeting Sign-In Sheet is attached.

Stacy Malinowski – Mustard Seed Ministries

Rhonda Corrods- Ft. Pierce Housing Authority

Jeanne Bunten – Department of Children and Families

David and Kelly Long – Angels of Hope

Carolyn Fabrizio – Florida Rural Legal Services

Robert Gonzalez – Career Source of the Research Coast

Cindy Seipel – Children's Home Society Wave Crest

Karen Knapp – St. Lucie County United Way

Cathie Mouring- Graceway Village

Carl Muti - St. Vincent DePaul - Adam's Place (Jail Diversion Project)

Tracy Jahn - SLC Community Services

Loren Johnson- SLC Community Services

Rozanne Brown- CareBag Inc.

Jessica Munoz – Veterans' Services, SSVF

Soledad Dorminier – New Horizons of the Treasure Coast (Ft Pierce)

Stefanie Myers – St. Lucie County United Against Poverty

Kim Johnson – Salvation Army of St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee Counties

Renee Deschenes – Public Defender's Office



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### **Fort Pierce Program Development/Assistance**

The Jail Diversion Shelter in St. Lucie County (Adam's Place) originally resulted from a public forum held by the CoC with Lt. Frank Amandro from the Fort Pierce Police Department. There have been multiple meetings at the CoC with Bob Carey and Carl Muti. This project was moved to Salvation Army to discuss solutions to avoiding time consuming booking procedures and jail time for chronic homeless. Law enforcement, Sarah's Kitchen and eventually, SLC Salvation Army took over project. Ft. Pierce Public Housing Authority is now providing a facility for one dollar a year lease.

Graceway Village , Dana Allin -Original plans for family shelter developed with First Presbyterian. CoC provided plan revisions, program guidance, project costing, supported and attended public hearing in Ft. Pierce. Permits now expired. CoC is now working with Cathie Mouring who is attempting to revitalize the project and purchase the property from First Presbyterian. CoC is assisting with expertise and non-HUD support, as CoC funds are not for construction of emergency shelters or transitional housing.

Self Sufficiency in Place, Ft. Pierce Housing Authority, project is being developed to move families with children from poverty to self sufficiency by using up to ten units of public housing which can be made available to qualifying families with children. Application was submitted this year for consideration as a HUD new project under eligible tenant based rental assistance.

### **User Licenses – Ft. Pierce Programs-Homeless Management Information Systems**

The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council provides and pays for **14** user licenses for the Homeless Management Information System for Ft. Pierce programs. These user licenses are currently charged to the Council at \$750 per user per year. The Council provides end-user training and Help Desk for all HMIS end users and provides one on one training to anyone who asks. Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. Assistant Director recently worked with Mustard Seed Ministries for specialized training and support and report gathering from the system.

#### **NOTE:**

HUD CoC Programs do not fund the development of Emergency Shelters. Since the Hearth Act, HUD's focus is on Rapid Rehousing, Diversion, Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronics, Systems Performance and Coordinated Entry. HUD's CoC funding is directed to end chronic homelessness, end Veteran's homelessness and end homeless among special populations, including victims of human trafficking and homelessness in families, including youth under 24. Housing First is HUD's means of requiring low barrier housing which means that programs cannot demand sobriety, compliance with pre-entry criteria, drug or felony free status, employment, etc. as a pre-requisite to receiving a bed. Thus, CoC program funds are not available for shelter development.