

PINELLAS PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Date & Time: Thursday, 1/29/2026, 2 PM

Location: Pinellas County Justice Center & Teams ([Link](#))

Annex Build Room J1-301

14250 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome | Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair |
| II. | Designation of Voting Members | Justice Coordination |
| III. | CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant Process Overview | Justice Coordination |
| IV. | Review of Program Proposals | Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair / Justice Coordination |
- a) **Substance Abuse/Mental Health Treatment, Housing, Access to Reentry and Employment (Pinellas SHARE) – PERC**
 - **Target Population:** Adults 18+ with a SUD, MHI, or COD released from sentencing out of the Pinellas County Jail, or the Florida Department of Corrections.
 - **Number to Be Served:** 120 (40 per year)
 - **Proposed 3-Year Grant Budget:**
 - **Partners:** Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP), St. Petersburg College (SPC), CareerSource Tampa Bay, Mind the Gap Together, Life from the Inside Out, others to be named at the time of application.
 - b) **Vincent House Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program**
 - **Target Population:** Adults 18+ living with serious and persistent mental illness, including individuals at risk of justice system involvement, hospitalization, or housing instability.
 - **Number to Be Served:** 160
 - **Proposed 3-Year Grant Budget:**
 - **Partners:** Directions for Living, City of Pinellas Park, Suncoast Center, Evera Health, BayCare Behavioral Health, Wyndmoor, Largo Medical West, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Unit, Pinellas Park Police Department, PAC Team, Clearwater FACT, and Safe Harbor.
 - c) **City of Largo- Stabilization Shelter Beds with Wrap-around Re-Housing Services**
 - **Target Population:** Adults experiencing street homelessness
 - **Number to Be Served:** 60-68 annually
 - **Proposed 3-Year Grant Budget:**
 - **Partners:** Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP), City of Largo Police Department, City of Largo Housing Team, Operation PAR, Pinellas HOPE
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| V. | Selection of Grant Proposal to Proceed | Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair |
| VI. | Roundtable/Updates | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSCC 1st Quarter Meeting – Monday, March 9th | |
| VII. | Adjournment | Commissioner Scherer, PSCC Chair |



Public Safety Coordinating Council

Special Meeting – Program Proposal Review

PROGRAM PROPOSAL REVIEW PACKET

for the

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

DCF RFA 2526 024

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Programs Included in This Review:

Label	Program Name - Lead Agency	Council Member
Program A	Pinellas SHARE – P.E.R.C	Michael Jalazo
Program B	Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program - Vincent House	
Program C	Stabilization Shelter Beds with Wrap-around Re-Housing Services - City of Largo	Chief Michael Loux

PROGRAM A

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Treatment, Housing, Access to Reentry and Employment (Pinellas SHARE) – PERC

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PROGRAM A

Executive Summary: The **Pinellas SHARE** (Substance Abuse/Mental Health Treatment, Housing, Access to Reentry and Employment) initiative will increase public safety and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for Pinellas County adults participating in housing services programs who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders through a combination of treatment and employment initiatives including transportation specific to returning citizens or those involved or at risk of involvement with the criminal justice system.

Program title and lead organization with contact information: Pinellas SHARE; Pinellas Ex Offender Reentry Coalition, Michael Jalazo, mjalazo@exoffender.org, 727-656-4989

Program abstract, description and related activities: The Pinellas SHARE program will be a collaboration between the Pinellas Ex Offender Reentry Coalition (PERC), the Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP), St. Petersburg College (SPC), CareerSource Tampa Bay, Mind the Gap Together, Life from the Inside Out and other partners to provide a minimum of 120 (40 per year) adult clients with a focus of those releasing from sentence out of the Pinellas County Jail or the Florida Department of Corrections and participating in housing services programs with comprehensive case management, outpatient substance abuse and mental health assessment and treatment, peer support groups, evaluation and services in workforce training initiatives including both job placement and transportation. Additional partners (to be named at application) will be coordinated with to provide medically assisted treatment services at two locations in South and North Pinellas County based on office location and census tract data identifying highest need.

Number and population being served: 120 (40 per year) adult male and female ages 18 or older who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or cooccurring disorders and who are in, or at risk of entering the criminal justice system

Expected outcomes: 120 (40 per year) adult returning citizens will be provided with comprehensive case management, outpatient substance abuse and mental health assessment and treatment, peer support groups, evaluation and services in workforce training initiatives including both job placement and transportation for a minimum of 12 months leading to stabilized housing, treatment provision, training and employment placement support.

List of partnering organizations and associated roles: PERC: Case Management, Outpatient SA evaluation and treatment, client source through housing program, employment development; HEP: client sources through housing program; SPC: certification training; CSTB: employment placement and Employ Florida, employment development, Mind the Gap Together- Mental Health assessment and treatment, Life from the Inside Out-peer led reentry focused support groups

Program Budget Requested and statement of ability to comply with all the requirements of the grant, including match requirements for each of the three years: PERC will request the full amount, \$1.2 million, \$400,000 per year for three years and has already identified program match of \$400,000 per year with its program partners, which will be a mix of cash and in kind

Grant writing capacity to complete the full application by March 19, 2026: PERC and its partners have the capacity to complete the full application before the due date and time

PROGRAM B

Vincent House Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program

- **Target Population:** Adults 18+ living with serious and persistent mental illness, including individuals at risk of justice system involvement, hospitalization, or housing instability.
- **Number to Be Served:** 160
- **Proposed 3-Year Grant Budget:**
- **Partners:** Directions for Living, City of Pinellas Park, Suncoast Center, Evera Health, BayCare Behavioral Health, Wyndmoor, Largo Medical West, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Unit, Pinellas Park Police Department, PAC Team, Clearwater FACT, and Safe Harbor

Vincent House Pinellas Park – 1-Page Proposal Outline

Executive Program Summary

Vincent House is a nonprofit psychosocial rehabilitation program serving adults living with serious and persistent mental illness in Pinellas County. Using the evidence-based International Clubhouse Model, Vincent House provides recovery-oriented services that promote stability, employment, housing retention, and community integration. This proposal seeks DCF Reinvestment funding to sustain and expand services that reduce hospitalization and justice system involvement while improving long-term recovery outcomes.

Program Title & Lead Organization

Program Title: Vincent House Pinellas Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program

Lead Organization: Vincent House

Location: Pinellas Park, Florida

Contact: Charlotte Sonetirot

Email: charlotte@vincenthouse.org

Program Abstract, Description & Activities

The program delivers daily psychosocial rehabilitation services in a safe, community-based clubhouse. Activities include individualized rehabilitation planning, employment readiness and placement support, housing stability assistance, life-skills development, and peer-supported community integration. Services align with Sequential Intercept and diversion priorities by stabilizing high-need individuals in the community and supporting successful reentry.

Population & Number Served

Vincent House Pinellas serves approximately 160 individuals, ages 18+, living with serious and persistent mental illness, including individuals at risk of justice system involvement, hospitalization, or housing instability.

Expected Outcomes

- Reduced psychiatric hospitalizations
- Decreased justice system involvement and recidivism
- Increased employment and income stability
- Improved social connectedness and recovery outcomes
- Increased housing stability

Partnering Organizations & Roles

Vincent House partners with community-based mental health providers, healthcare systems, educational institutions, and first responders to support diversion, early intervention, and reentry.

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across the Sequential Intercept Model. These partnerships allow referrals from law enforcement, crisis response teams, hospitals, and behavioral health providers, diverting individuals from jail, emergency departments, and repeated hospitalization into community-based recovery services. Vincent House serves as the lead recovery partner, coordinating psychosocial rehabilitation, vocational support, and community integration services that reduce recidivism and promote long-term stability. Key partners include Directions for Living, City of Pinellas Park, Suncoast Center, Evera Health, BayCare Behavioral Health, Wyndmoor, Largo Medical West, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Unit, Pinellas Park Police Department, PAC Team, Clearwater FACT and Safe Harbor.

Program Budget & Grant Compliance

Vincent House requests DCF Reinvestment funding to support operational and program costs over a three-year period. The organization has fiscal infrastructure, grant management experience, and capacity to meet all reporting, compliance, and match requirements for each year of the grant.

Grant Writing Capacity

Vincent House has a strong history of successfully securing and managing public and private grants. Experienced leadership and administrative staff have the capacity to complete the full DCF Reinvestment application by March 19, 2026, including budgets, performance measures, and compliance documentation.

Meeting Participation Requirement

A Vincent House representative will attend the PSCC Special Meeting on January 29, 2026, to present and discuss the proposed program for consideration.

PROGRAM C

City of Largo- Stabilization Shelter Beds with Wrap-around Re-Housing Services

- **Target Population:** Adults experiencing street homelessness
- **Number to Be Served:** 60-68 annually
- **Proposed 3-Year Grant Budget:**
- **Partners:** Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP), City of Largo Police Department, City of Largo Housing Team, Operation PAR, Pinellas HOPE



City of Largo Project Proposal

Continuation of Contract Services for Stabilization Shelter Beds with Wrap-around Re-Housing Services

Executive Program Summary

The City of Largo Homeless Outreach Program has demonstrated measurable success in reducing repeat calls for service, mitigating impacts to businesses and neighborhoods, and supporting individuals experiencing homelessness through coordinated outreach, shelter placement, stabilization, and re-housing services. Since 2023, this work has been strengthened through a contract with the Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP), reserving 20 emergency shelter beds paired with intensive case management and housing navigation to stabilize clients and move them toward permanent housing. Funding for this program was from the American Rescue Plan Act and will expire in August 2026 without additional funding.

This proposal seeks continued funding to sustain dedicated shelter capacity and wrap-around services as a critical component of Largo's public safety, housing stability, and justice-involved diversion strategies. Access to shelter beds and case management are essential to enable Largo's coordinated outreach team to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to immediate stabilization when they are ready for services. **The program directly aligns with the Pinellas County Safety & Community Council (PSCC) Strategic Plan goals** as an Implementation / Expansion project that improves access to housing, reduces justice system involvement, and expands high-fidelity wraparound services for high-need populations. The program primarily operates at **Intercepts 0–2**, providing early diversion through street outreach, emergency shelter stabilization, behavioral health referrals, and re-housing prior to arrest, booking, or prolonged justice involvement, and/or after repeated interaction with police services.

Alignment with PSCC Strategic Plan

The program directly aligns with the Pinellas County Safety & Community Council (PSCC) Strategic Plan goals:

Key Strategy 1 – Adult Justice System SIM

- Goal 1: Improve access to housing across the continuum
- Goal 2: High-Fidelity Wraparound via case management and navigation

Key Strategy 3 – Behavioral Health Solutions

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- Early stabilization and referral for individuals with co-occurring conditions

Key Strategy 5 – Data-Driven Justice

- Use of HMIS, police CAD data, and performance metrics

Program Title & Lead Organization

Program Title: Largo Stabilization Shelter & Re-Housing Program

Lead Organization: City of Largo

Contact: Arrow Woodard, Housing Manager | City of Largo

Program Abstract, Description & Related Activities

The current program funds a minimum of **20 emergency shelter beds** reserved for individuals referred through the City of Largo Homeless Outreach Program, with **flexible intake and warm handoffs** from street outreach. Services include:

- Emergency shelter placement / opportunity to stabilize with 90-day program
- Intensive case management
- Housing navigation and re-housing assistance
- Workforce development and benefit coordination
- Behavioral health and substance-use referrals
- On-site medical/dental services

The shelter beds serve as a stabilization point within Largo's broader outreach workflow, enabling consistent diversion from repeated law enforcement contact and unsheltered homelessness. The model emphasizes rapid engagement, individualized service planning, and exits to housing or treatment within 90 days. Largo Police Department has educated its patrol officers about the City's Street Outreach Program and is increasingly providing referrals to the City's civilian street outreach specialist. The street outreach specialist coordinates entry into the shelter/re-housing program. If a client is in need of detox first, the outreach specialist coordinates access into a detox facility and then reserves a shelter bed so the person will discharge from detox into a shelter bed rather than back to the streets.

Case Example: Individual had multiple years of engagement with law enforcement - totaling 25 arrests, 36 trespass warnings and 12 additional charges. The individual had a severe alcohol dependency. The individual recently completed an alcohol treatment program and was placed directly in one of Largo's contracted shelter beds. The individual is stabilizing and has since gained full-time employment and is working on securing permanent housing.

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Population & Number Served

- Approximately 60-68 individuals annually
- Adults experiencing street homelessness, including:
 - Chronically homeless individuals (~30%)
 - Individuals with mental or physical disabilities (~58%)
 - Justice-involved individuals and high utilizers of police services
 - Survivors of domestic violence
 - Veterans (4%)

Expected Outcomes

- Reduction in repeat police calls and trespass incidents
- Increased exits from street homelessness to shelter, treatment, or housing
- Improved housing stability through coordinated re-housing (reduced recidivism)
- Reduced strain on emergency services and improved safety in public spaces
- Strengthened diversion from the justice system

Key performance indicators include shelter utilization rates, exits to housing, reduction in repeat police contacts, and time-to-placement, consistent with established program KPIs.

Partnering Organizations & Roles

- **Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP):** Shelter operations, case management, housing navigation (current provider, RFP process starting in February 2026).
- **City of Largo Police Department:** Street outreach referrals, follow-up, business and neighborhood coordination
- **City of Largo Housing Team:** Program oversight, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) coordination, contract management
- **Regional Providers (as needed):** Detox (e.g. Operational PAR), Pinellas Hope, behavioral health, assisted living, and supportive housing referrals.

Program Budget & Grant Compliance

- **Estimated Annual Cost for 20 reserved beds with case management/re-housing services:** \$205,000 – \$300,000 (the number of contracted beds may vary from

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existing amount depending on contracted per bed night rate and the amount of grant funding awarded from this grant).

- **Funding Strategy (3-Year):**
 - Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public services funding (estimate \$100,000) will be used to support operating costs at secondary shelters to provide alternative options when the primary shelter beds are full.
 - Largo General Funds are used to pay for the City's Street Outreach Police Officer and civilian Homeless Outreach Specialist
 - These two sources will be used to meet match requirements. s.
- **Grant Compliance:** The City of Largo has demonstrated capacity to administer state and federal grants, comply with reporting requirements, and manage multi-year funding agreements. The City will meet all requirements of the Florida DCF Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program.

Grant Writing Capacity

The City of Largo has dedicated professional staff with experience preparing, submitting, and administering competitive state and federal grants. Staff have successfully managed ARPA, CDBG, and justice-related funding and have the capacity to complete the full DCF Reinvestment Grant application by **March 19, 2026**.

PSCC Meeting Representation

Meridy Semones, Assistant City Manager from the City of Largo will attend the **PSCC Special Meeting on January 29, 2026** to present and discuss the proposed program for consideration.