



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**Requested Board Meeting Date:** January 19, 2016

**Title:** Resolution by the Board of Supervisors Authorizing Support for University of Utah Pay for Success Application

**Introduction/Background:**

The U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) have issued a Notice of Funding Availability for a Pay for Success (PFS) demonstration project which will provide Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to a population that has a pattern of homelessness, recidivism and costly utilization of programs including jail, prison, health care and crisis services. As a recognized intermediary, the University of Utah Sorenson Center (the Center) will include Pima County in their grant submission to HUD/DOJ for a PFS initiative in Pima County which will target those individuals who have a pattern of homelessness and a pattern of recidivism.

**Discussion:**

The PFS model provides an opportunity for greater collaboration between County departments and local service providers to address chronic homelessness and recidivism. Helping the chronically homeless achieve safe, supportive and decent housing will improve the health and well-being of individuals and families and improve the vitality of neighborhoods and the County as a whole. The Center has been working with Pima County departments to analyze the populations that might be successfully served through a PFS model. If funded, the HUD/DOJ grant will provide funding for four distinctive phases: feasibility analysis; transaction structuring; outcome evaluation; and success payments. The Center will serve as the intermediary for the PFS demonstration grant with Pima County in all phases as an active partner of the PFS intervention.

**Conclusion:**

The Sorenson Center has been working under contract with Pima County since November, 2015. The Center recognizes the capacity of Pima County, local service providers and stakeholders to implement a successful PFS intervention to address chronic homelessness and recidivism through a Permanent Supportive Housing model. A Board resolution has been requested by the Center which will be submitted with the HUD/DOJ application.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the resolution authorizing support for an application by the Sorenson Center to HUD and DOJ for a Pay for Success Supportive Housing demonstration project which includes a Pima County PFS initiative for all four phases of funding.

**Fiscal Impact:**

If awarded funding, the Center would determine cost to implement the demonstration project that are covered by the grant.

**Board of Supervisor District:**

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Department Director Signature/Date: Margaret M. Kirk 01/06/2016

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: [Signature] 1/0/2016

County Administrator Signature/Date: C. R. Doolittle 1/8/16

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA  
AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
SORENSEN CENTER TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE PAY FOR  
SUCCESS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEMONSTRATION GRANT AND AUTHORIZING  
PARTICIPATION BY COUNTY IN THE PROJECT**

1. Through grants from the Kresge Foundation and Tucson Electric Power, Pima County has contracted with the University of Utah (“Sorenson Center”) to analyze the feasibility of implementing a successful PFS program.
2. The Sorenson Center has been working closely with Pima County departments in conducting its analysis.
3. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) and the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) have issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) for PFS Demonstration projects (“Intervention”) which will provide Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) to the chronically homeless that have frequent interaction with the criminal justice system.
4. The grant for PFS Demonstration projects will provide resources in four distinct, progressive, phases: Feasibility Analysis; Transaction Structuring; Outcome Evaluation; and Success Payments.
5. Under the terms of the NOFA, the Sorenson Center is an Intermediary eligible to apply for the PFS Demonstration grant.
6. The Sorenson Center believes that through its partnership with Pima County there is a strong possibility of obtaining PFS Demonstration Project grant funds.
7. To be awarded PFS demonstration funds, the Sorenson Center and Pima County must commit to participating in all four phases.
8. The Pima County Board of Supervisors recognizes that homelessness exacts costs and drains resources of many county departments and that housing the chronically homeless will reduce negative community impacts and improve health and well-.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that:

- A. Pima County supports the Sorenson Center in its application to HUD/DOJ for the implementation of a PFS model for PSH Intervention in Pima County;

B. County departments are directed to cooperate with the Sorenson Center in the preparation of the application; and

C. If the Sorenson Center is successful in obtaining the HUD/DOJ PFS demonstration grant:

1. Pima County will be an active partner with the Sorenson Center and participate in each phase of the PSH Intervention that is funded through the grant;
2. The departments impacted by the effects of homelessness are directed to work together and with the Sorenson Center, local services providers, other community stakeholders and local jurisdictions for each phase of the PSH Intervention;
3. The County Administrator is authorized to enter into an agreement to share data with the Sorenson Center subject to all applicable laws and confidentiality requirements;
4. The County Administrator is authorized to prepare letters of support acknowledging Pima County's participation in the PSH Intervention; and
5. Pima County will collaborate and cooperate with the Sorenson Center and all entities involved in the PSH Intervention to provide required documentation and reporting to HUD and DOJ pursuant to the terms of the HUD/DOJ PFS demonstration grant.

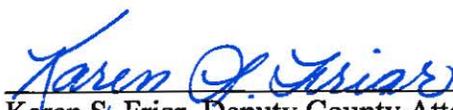
Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Karen S. Friar, Deputy County Attorney