

## Legislation Text

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### **Title:**

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Recovery Connections of Central Florida for ARPA Funding Agreement in the amount of \$750,000 to provide recovery focused mental health and substance use disorder services. Countywide (**Allison Thall, Community Services Director**)

### **Division:**

Community Services - Business Office

### **Authorized By:**

Allison Thall

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### **Background:**

The Seminole County Board of County Commissioners established the Community Health Initiative as a Key Strategic Priority. In partnership with the Central Florida collaborative partners (local hospitals, federally qualified health centers, Central Florida county health departments and other involved partners), a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) process was completed in 2022. Eight (8) of the top fifteen (15) needs identified for Seminole County involve mental health or substance use disorder treatment services. In July 2022, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was publicly released to solicit applications to provide services, in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to respond to the pandemic's negative impact on the behavioral health of the public. Four (4) applicants responded to the NOFA. A team of five (5) reviewers unanimously recommended Recovery Connections, Inc. for funding.

Recovery Connections, Inc. will work collaboratively with community partners to deliver mental health services, substance use disorder services, transitional housing support, transportation, peer recovery support, medicated assisted treatment and employability training.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Recovery Connections of Central Florida for ARPA Funding Agreement in the amount of \$750,000 to provide recovery focused mental health and substance use disorder services.