

RESOLUTION NO. 09-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A \$2500 GRANT FROM STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS TO FLORIDA KEYS OUTREACH COALITION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

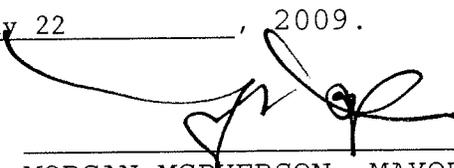
Section 1: That pursuant to Florida Statutes section 932.7055, a \$2,500.00 grant is hereby authorized by the City Commission from state forfeiture funds for use by the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition for the Homeless for the purposes expressly authorized by that statutory section.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 21st day of July, 2009.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on July 22, 2009.

Filed with the Clerk July 22, 2009.


MORGAN MCPHERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK

Donald J. Lee, Jr.
Chief of Police



Key West
POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager
FROM: Chief Donald J. Lee Jr. 
DATE: 6-10-09
RE: Executive Summary-Florida Keys Outreach Coalition

Action Statement

The Key West Police Department intends to donate **\$2,500.00** from State Forfeiture Funds to the Florida Outreach Coalition. This donation is specifically to assist the purchase of drug test kits for FKOC's Substance Abuse Relapse Prevention Program for Homeless Persons.

Background

The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition has been the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Monroe County Sheriff's Shared Asset Forfeiture Fund (SSAFF). These funds are used for the purchase of drug test kits for FKOC's Substance Abuse Relapse Prevention Program for Homeless Persons. This year, funding from the SSAFF was reduced to \$7,300 due to a significant reduction in the total amount of funding available for nonprofits providing services that address crime prevent, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment, and/or mental and physical health. FKOC is asking for the Key West Police Department to donate \$2,500 to make up for the lost funding.

Advantages and Disadvantages

The vast majority of homeless adults served by FKOC are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. The daily drug and alcohol test will help assure continued sobriety and program compliance.

Financial Impact

The funds used for this pledge will be taken out of the Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund, specifically State Forfeitures. There will be no impact on the City Budget, thus no impact on taxpayers.



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Recommendation

Donate **\$2,500.00** to FKOC using State Forfeiture Funds.

City Manager: _____

City Attorney: _____

Finance: _____



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April 27, 2009

Chief Donnie Lee
Key West Police Department
1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd.
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Re: Request for Small Grant from KWPD Forfeiture Fund

Dear Chief:

For many years, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition has been the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Monroe County Sheriff's Shared Asset Forfeiture Fund (SSAFF). These funds are used for the purchase of drug test kits for FKOC's Substance Abuse Relapse Prevention Program for Homeless Persons.

This year, funding from the SSAFF was reduced to \$7,300 due to a significant reduction in the total amount of funding available for nonprofits providing services that address crime prevention, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment, and/or mental and physical health.

I am requesting your consideration of a \$2,700 donation to FKOC to make up for this lost funding and allow us to sustain our current level of services.

The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Inc. (FKOC) is in its 17th year of service to Key West and Monroe County. The mission of FKOC is to "provide homeless individuals and families with the resources and opportunities by which to attain residential, financial and personal stability and self-sufficiency."

FKOC currently operates 122 transitional shelter beds in five facilities for homeless men, women and women with children. FKOC also operates the Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter (KOTS) with 128-beds under a management agreement with the City of Key West.

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Referrals to FKOC's homeless recovery program come primarily from social service organizations, Monroe County Detention Center, the Courts, Samuel's House, Domestic Abuse Shelter, law enforcement agencies, soup kitchens, churches and from the (KOTS).

The vast majority of homeless adults served by FKOC are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. Clients are required to attend daily NA and/or AA meetings.

Funding, in any amount, from the KWPD Forfeiture Fund will be used toward the costs of administering daily drug and alcohol tests to all transitional shelter clients in order to assure continued sobriety and program compliance.

As you well know, there is a clear relationship between chronic homelessness and substance abuse in this country. Addiction very often precipitates and sustains one's homelessness. Indeed, addiction to drugs (e.g. alcohol, crack-cocaine, heroin, etc.), inhibits one's ability to work, destroys families and endlessly feeds the cycle of homelessness and contributes to increased criminal activity.

As we have discussed, managing homelessness effectively remains one of the most challenging and urgent issues in our city. Nearly three quarters (75%) of homeless adults served by FKOC are dealing with alcohol and/or other substance abuse. For most, residential and economic stability and self-sufficiency simply cannot be achieved without sobriety.

FKOC provides a structured foundation upon which homeless men and women can rebuild their lives, one day at a time, based upon an Individualized Plan of Action that is developed with case managers upon admission and revised as necessary throughout their stay in the program. Clients in the program learn and practice the skills needed to achieve self-sufficiency and live as productive, contributing, law-abiding members of the community.

The target population for the project for which funding is requested from the KWPD Forfeiture Fund consists of single homeless adults in recovery from alcohol and/or substance abuse.

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Many homeless men and women have a history with the criminal justice system. In fact, every year an average of 20% of those admitted to FKOC's homeless recovery program listed "jail" as their previous address. Monroe County Detention Center Forensic Workers frequently refer inmates to FKOC, prior to their release date, in order to prevent them from being discharged to the streets.

FKOC admits homeless individuals and families that agree to live peaceably in a drug and alcohol free communal environment. Preadmission requirements include a criminal background check and drug test. Participants in the program are required to remain drug and alcohol free, attend daily NA/AA meetings and weekly life-skills training classes, maintain steady employment and/or vocational training, provide community service and abide by all house rules and regulations.

I am extremely grateful for the strong partnership established over the years between FKOC and KWPD.

Any consideration and financial assistance you can provide during this extremely difficult economic period will be very much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Stephen E. Braddock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Stephen E. Braddock, Ph.D.
President & CEO