

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Opioid Settlement RFQ Responses

PRESENTER: Jodi Grabowski, Behavioral Health System Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Selection Matrix Summary

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County in partnership with Hope Coalition successfully received a grant for \$300,000 from the Dogwood Health Trust to assist in the establishment and planning of programs related to the opioid settlement funds. At the direction of the Board, Henderson County sought proposals from qualified individuals and organizations to facilitate a strategic planning process as it relates to community interventions for substance abuse. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on October 12, 2022.

The selected firm will provide a strategic plan that presents a clear planning process and approach, relevant data and analysis of trends, identification of opportunities and strategies, a process to prioritize and focus County programs and services, and an implementation plan with performance measures that track progress on achieving the goals of the plan.

A staff committee has evaluated the responses and recommends the Board select REAL Academy as the firm to accomplish the strategic planning process related to community interventions.

Additionally, one of the top priorities identified by the Substance Use Task Force was the establishment of criminal justice diversion programs. Staff requests that the Board authorize the County to contract with the Hope Coalition to assist in the establishment of these programs.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to review the staff recommendation of REAL Academy to be the consultant for the strategic planning process, and that Hope Coalition to be selected to assist in the establishment of a criminal justice diversion program.

Suggested Motion:

I move that REAL Academy be selected as the consultant for the strategic planning process and that the Board authorize staff to contract with the Hope Coalition at a rate of \$150,000 to assist in the establishment of criminal justice diversion programs.

RFP Response to Create a Strategic Plan for the Utilization of Opioid Settlement Funds Summary

Company Name	Average Score
Gibbous	393.33
REAL Academy	426.67
C4 Innovations	420