

Florida Department of Children and Families
Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program
Program Status Report
Implementation and Expansion Grants

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Grantee Summary				
Grantee's Name		Report Period		
Polk County		From:	6/1/25	To:
Grant Number:	LH833			8/31/25
Report Prepared By		Report Approved By DCF		
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Grant Information			
Amount awarded	\$1,200,000		
Amount of match provided	\$1,200,000		
Award Period	3/1/2022	through	8/31/2025
Target Population (Must select one:)	Juveniles	Adult (X)	Both

Section 1. Detailed Progress Summary

1. Provide an overview of your organization's CJMHSA Reinvestment grant-funded program.

- Helping HANDS is an award-winning jail transition program unique to Polk County. Since it began in 2018, the program has grown to include early prevention and intervention components while continuing to focus on its core tenets: Healthcare Access, Navigation, Delivery and Support for Polk inmates released from jail into the community or individuals who have a history of arrest, Baker Act or Marchman Act. Referrals to the program come from the jail or through community partner agencies. Those who are accepted into the HATCH program are paired with certified peer recovery specialists, case managers and Polk County Fire Rescue community paramedics who engage with the individual from initial contact through enrollment. The team will assist participants to find behavioral health providers and other resources for recovery support, medications, case management, health assessments, transportation, and housing.

2(a) For each reporting period, provide a detailed description of program achievements to-date and progress towards meeting goals and objectives identified in **Section B-3**.

- B-3.1** Services will be provided to participants that reside within Polk County and are 18 years or older. At the admission assessment, the participant signs a declaration of domicile confirming the participant is a resident of Polk County if the potential participant is not able to provide proof by a state identification card.
- B-3.2** The Program Manager (BoCC), Housing Specialist and Case Manager (Tri- County Human Services) are located at 2135 Marshall Edwards Dr. Bartow FL 33830. The Community Mobile Support Counselor (Peace River Center) will be located at 1255 Golfview Ave Bartow, FL 33830.
- B-3.3** Service times are primarily provided between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The lead Community Paramedic is on call 24 hours a day.
- B-3.4** Program Year 1: 3/1/2022 – 2/28/2023
Program Year 2: 3/1/2023 – 2/28/2024
Program Year 3: 3/1/2024 – 2/28/2025
Program Year 4: 3/1/2025 – 8/31/2025 (extension)

2(b) For each reporting period, provide a detailed description of each task and associated activities in **Section C-1** of the grant agreement. For each task include the completion date, or anticipated date of completion, and discuss any adjustments to timelines outlined in the original grant application.

C-1.1.1. Establish legally binding agreements (Add to list each reporting period as appropriate & provide a copy of each).

Sub -Provider Name	Service(s)	Date Executed	"Attached" / "Date Submitted"
Tri-County Human Services	Housing Specialist and Case Manager	3/15/2022	6/15/2022
Peace River Center for Personal Development	Community Mobile Support Counselor	3/15/2022	6/15/2022
Tri-County Human Services	Housing Specialist and Case Manager (extension)	3/18/2025	6/13/2025

C-1.1.2. Provide, directly or by agreement, an information system to track individuals during their involvement with the Program and for one year after discharge, including but not limited to arrests, receipt of benefits, employment, and stable housing (Briefly summarize any enhancements for the period below or NA)

- The HATCH Program will utilize FAMCare, a shared data information system. The system will track the services provided to the participants and track the performance measures for the grant.

C-1.1.3. Hire and Train Staff specified in **Section C-2.1.** (See # 3 below)

C-1.2. Coordinate & participate in planning council or committee meetings regularly. (See # 6 below)

C-1.3.1. Identify topics for needed trainings by developing & conducting a survey of stakeholders. (Briefly summarize details or NA)

- Best practices for opioid use disorder and SUDs
- Best practices for the use of medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- Addressing stigma across systems

2(c) List your program's MOUs or other legally binding agreements (See C-1.1.1. above)

2(d) List your program's partners and collaborators (add to the list each reporting period as new partners emerge)

Partners / Collaborators

1. Polk County Sherriff's office	2. Tri-County Human Services	3. Peace River Center
4. Polk County Fire Rescue	5. Lakeland Regional Health	6. Bay Care Center for Behavioral
7. Department of Corrections Felony Probation	8. YesCare	9. Polk County Court Services
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3. Provide summary of the achievements to-date in meeting the Administrative Tasks in **Section C-2**

C-2.1 FTE	Title	Name	Date Hired	Date Terminated	(Date Hiring Docs Submitted)	(Date Training Docs Submitted)
0.50	Program Manager	MaryBeth Moore	4/17/2017		Previous grant	6/15/2022
1.00	Case Manager (sub-contract)	Dikerria Wilson	4/12/2022		6/15/2022	6/15/2022
1.00	Housing Specialist (sub-contract)	Jennifer Montalbo	8/18/2022	10/4/2022	9/15/2022	9/15/2022
1.00	Housing Specialist (sub-contract)	Romario Blanc	12/14/22	1/23/2023	3/15/2023	3/15/2023
1.00	Housing Specialist (sub-contract)	Maria Guillen	4/12/2023	10/3/2023	6/15/2023	6/15/2023
1.00	Housing Specialist (sub-contract)	Mary Oldham	10/11/2023		12/15/2023	12/15/2023
1.00	Mobile Outreach Crisis Counselor (sub-	Cassie Harman	8/15/2022	9/8/2023	9/15/2022	9/15/2022
1.00	Case Manager (in-kind)	Tabyron Willis	1/23/2020	6/30/2025	6/15/2022	6/15/2022
1.00	Case Manager (in-kind)	Lisa Vanecek	10/18/2022	6/19/2023	12/15/2022	12/15/2022
1.00	Case Manager (in-kind)	Alexis Maltez	7/16/2024		9/13/2024	9/13/2024
1.00	Case Manager (in-kind)	Amanda Cox	8/12/2025		10/22/2025	10/22/2025

C-2.2 Professional Qualifications. The Grantee shall ensure all program staff assigned maintain all applicable minimum licensing, accreditation, training, and continuing education requirements required by state and federal laws or regulations for their assigned duties and responsibilities. (Submit copy of position description & credential with hiring/training docs)

C-2.3 Subcontracting – (See C-1.1.1 above)

C-2.4 Technical Assistance Requirements – (See Section 4., page 4 below)

4. Describe any barriers or challenges faced by your program during this reporting period and the strategies implemented to address them. Also, describe significant barriers that remain, if any.

No barriers or challenges this reporting period.

5. List evidence-based, best, and promising practices used in your program including assessment or screening instruments and tools.

EBP/ TOOLS

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| 1. Certified Recovery Peer Specialist | 2. Mental Health First Aid |
| 3. Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) | 4. Recovery Orientated System of Care |
| 5. Functional Assessment Rating Scale (FARS) | 6. SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) |
| 7. | 8. |

6. Describe the composition of your Planning Council membership, in compliance with F.S. 394.657(2) (a), and complete Appendix A, located at the end of this document

a) Describe difficulties in filling membership positions	b) Date Meeting Docs Submitted	c) Agenda Topic(s) / Dates
(Y1Q1) – Program Manager reached out to DCF for guidance on #17, a family member of a primary consumer.	6/15/2022	1. TA survey results 4/14/22 2. Roots final report 4/14/22 3. HH update 4/14/22 4. Opioid Abatement Plan update 4/14/22
(Y1Q2) – Reached out to USF TAC for guidance on #17, a family member of a primary consumer.	8/18/22	5. Helping HANDS update/ 8/18/22 6. Second Chance Grant Planning and Implementation Guide/ 8/18/22 7. Opioid Settlement/ Abatement Plan/ 8/18/22
(Y1Q3) – Have not received feedback regarding #17, a family member of a primary consumer.	11/17/22	8. CJMHSA/ HATCH Report 9. Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Grant 10. Helping HANDS Report
(Y1Q4) - Have not received feedback regarding #17, a family member of a primary consumer.	2/16/23	11. CJMHSA/ HATCH Report 12. Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Grant 13. Helping HANDS Return on Investment fiscal year 21/22
(Y2Q1) – No family member of primary consumer #17	5/23/2023	14. CJMHSA/ HATCH Report 15. Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Grant 16. Opioid Funding Update
(Y2Q2) - No family member of primary consumer #17	8/7/2023	17. CJMHSA/ HATCH Report 18. Bureau of Justice Assistance Second Chance Grant 19. Opioid Funding update 20. USF Annual Survey link
(Y2Q3) - No family member of primary consumer #17	Due to holidays, the meeting is scheduled for January 2024	
(Y2Q4) -	1/16/24	21. Helping HANDS update 22. CJMHSA/HATCH report 23. Second Chance MAT 24. STARR (Substance Treatment Advocacy Recovery Reentry) 25. CORe (Coordinated Opioid Recovery) funding 26. USF TAC Annual Survey results
(Y3Q1) -	4/23/24	27. Helping HANDS update 28. CJMHSA/HATCH report 29. Second Chance MAT 30. STARR (Substance Treatment Advocacy Recovery Reentry) 31. Behavioral Health Update

(Y3Q2) -	7/18/2024	32. Helping HANDS update 33. CJMHSA/HATCH report 34. Second Chance MAT 35. STARR (Substance Treatment Advocacy Recovery Reentry) 36. Behavioral Health Update 37. USF Technical Assistance Center
(Y3Q3) -	11/14/2024	38. Helping HANDS update 39. CJMHSA/HATCH report 40. Second Chance MAT 41. STARR (Substance Treatment Advocacy Recovery Reentry) 42. Behavioral Health Update 43. Alternative Mental Health Sentencing Pilot
(Y3Q4) -	3/27/2025	44. Helping HANDS update 45. CJMHSA/HATCH report 46. Second Chance MAT 47. STARR (Substance Treatment Advocacy Recovery Reentry) 48. Behavioral Health Update 49. Polk for Recovery
Y4Q2	Scheduled for 11/7/25	50. Helping HANDS update 51. CJMHSA/HATCH final report 52. Second Chance MAT 53. STARR (Substance Treatment Advocacy Recovery Reentry) 54. Behavioral Health Update

Section 2. Deliverables

1. Provide a detailed summary of the progress achieved in meeting the deliverable requirements outlined in **Exhibit D** of the Grant Agreement. *(See TAC tab on Appendix B, Performance Measure Data Table)*
2. Using the Performance Measures for Acceptance of Deliverables in **Section D-4.** of the grant agreement by completing Service Summary Tables. *(See TAC tab on Appendix B, Performance Measure Data Table)*

Section 3. Performance Measures and Outcomes

Describe the methodology(ies) used to collect data & track progress on admissions, completions, discharge, assessments, services, & outcomes of individuals being served. Reportable outcomes include but are not limited to arrests, rearrests, services, program completion, receipt of benefits, employment, housing, etc. **Data anomalies & additional methodology information can be noted directly into the Excel spreadsheet, Appendix B, Reinvestment Grant Performance Measure Data Table.** *(See Section C-1.1.2 above)*

Section 4. Technical Assistance

TAC ACTIVITIES	Dates	Details
1. Primary Contact info/TAC w/in 10 business days		
	3/8/2022	Added the BoCC grant and project development specialist
	11/2/2022	Changed BoCC grant and project development specialist to Terri Saltzman
	8/28/2023	Added BoCC Behavioral Health Manager, Holly Vida, as an additional grantee contact
2. Annual TA Needs Assessments (List Priority Areas)		
Y1		1.Care coordination / coordination of complex care management (closed-loop referral / warm hand-off / follow-up)
	6/3/2022	2.Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT)
		3.Grant management, oversight, and sustainability approaches
Y2		1.Best practices for Opioid Use disorder and SUDs
		2.Best practices for the use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
		3.Addressing stigma across systems and programs
Y3		1. Addressing stigma across systems and programs
	8/29/2024	2. Best practices in Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
		3. Best practices for the use of peers and recovery support services
3. (2) On-Site TA & Sign in Sheets (List Participants)		
Y3- Opioid Use Disorder Best Practices	8/29/2024	1. Webinar- 36 participants
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4. Quarterly TAC Conference Calls (List Primary Participant)		
Y1	11/2/2022	1. MaryBeth Moore
		2. Terri Saltzman
		3.
Y2	11/8/2023	1. MaryBeth Moore
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Y3		1.
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Section 5. Sustainability

Describe actions and/or steps taken that will lead to sustainability upon the completion of the grant funding.

The two positions, Case Manager and Housing Specialist, that was funded by the CJMHSA grant, will be funded by the half cent sales tax funding. This will allow us to continue services for those individuals who meet the Helping HANDS criteria and are approved for the program. A contract is being executed with Tri-County Human Services using the Opioid funding to cover incidentals to assist participants in getting stable in the community.

Section 6. Additional Information

1. Describe the effect the grant-funded initiatives have had on meeting the needs of adults and/or juveniles who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorder, or co-occurring disorder and include a discussion of the following:

a) The impact of the grant-funded program on expenditures of the jail, juvenile detention center, and prison (e.g., decreased numbers, fiscal estimates).

- FY23/24 Helping HANDS there was a 76% decrease in recidivism amongst the Helping HANDS participants who successfully completed the program.

b) The impact of the grant-funded program on the reduction of forensic commitments to state mental health treatment hospitals or children's state hospitals/treatment centers (if population served includes juveniles); and

- To date there is not adequate data to report any significant change.

c) The impact the grant-funded program has had on the number and type of individuals detained (detention and/or jail) and incarcerated (prison) (e.g., change in numbers detained, change in types of charges of detainees).

- Comparing all participants arrests 12 months prior to opening in the program to current, there was a 75% reduction in arrests.

2. Describe the impact the grant-funded program has had on the availability and accessibility of effective community-based services.

- The Polk County Indigent Health Care Program has streamlined the application process for HATCH participants to receive healthcare under the County's plan which provides robust coverage for primary care, urgent care, specialty care, hospital visits and behavioral health services. Of the 249 Participants enrolled, 169 or 68%, were eligible and are or were on the Polk Healthcare Plan.

3. Describe the impact that your local matching funds has had on meeting and furthering the goals and objectives of your CJMHSA Reinvestment grant program (level of additional services and capacity served because of local matching funds).

- County cash match provides the funding for two additional Case Managers who provide wrap around services for program participants.
- The HATCH participants also benefit from the Helping HANDS Program's Community Paramedics and Peer Specialist which is funded by the half cent sales tax.
- Participants that are engaged in jail can be referred to or from the STARR program (Substance Treatment Advocacy Recovery Reentry). STARR is equivalent to intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment and is facilitated by Tri-County Human Services.
- Also under the Helping HANDS umbrella is the BJA funded Second Chance grant providing medication assisted treatment for inmates in the Polk County jail. The program offers vivitrol along with individual therapy and groups. This program is facilitated by Ibis, formally Cove Behavioral.

Section 7. Source Documentation

Attach an appendix of the source documentation, described in **Section C-2.6** and any other per C-2.8 of the Grant Agreement, documenting the tasks and associated activities performed during the report period. Label the source documentation to easily identify the related task and activity (For example, label the MOUs as “**C-2.6.1 for task C-1.1.1.**”).

TASK #	SOURCE DOCUMENTATION REF #	DESCRIPTION	(Attached, Reported in Status Report, NA This Quarter, or Date Submitted)
C-1.1.1.	C-2.6.1.1	Legally Binding Agreements	1. 6/13/25
C-1.1.2.	C-2.6.1.2	Electronic Quarterly Data Report	2. 10/22/25
C-1.1.3.	C-2.6.1.3	Documentation of hire, training, and credentials of staff specified in Section C-2.1	3. 10/22/25
C-1.2	C-2.6.2	Council Meeting Minutes/Materials	4. 6/13/25
C-1.2	C-2.6.3	Survey & Training Materials	5. 6/13/25
E-1.1	C-2.6.4	Quarterly Performance Measure Report; Quarterly Data Report; Quarterly Status Report	6. 10/22/25

APPENDIX A
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT
PLANNING COUNCIL

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