

## **Finance Committee Meeting**

## **April 24, 2019**

## **UNITE Pinellas Contract Amendment**

Item I.C.

**Recommended Action:** Recommend Approval of a contract amendment to increase funding for UNITE

**Pinellas** 

**Strategic Plan Alignment:** Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

UNITE Pinellas is a collaboration between JWB, United Way of the Suncoast, and the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg. The collaboration began in 2017, and focuses on the systemic causes that, if they are changed, can answer the question: "What will it really take to achieve the desired long-term change where race is not consistently and predictably associated with disadvantage." (Aspen Institute).

UNITE Pinellas works to mobilize resources to impact equity and fairness at their origins – Public Policy, Institutional Practices, and Changing the Narrative. By increasing the knowledge of the local dynamics and conditions, exposing the root causes that underlie the disparities, UNITE Pinellas will facilitate the capacity to influence these three areas.

The current contract between JWB and United Way of the Suncoast was executed in FY17 as a two year agreement, and provides for the funding of the Executive Director position. This position is staffed at the United Way, and the agreement in the amount of \$125,000 for the two year period commits JWB funding for 50% of the salary and benefits. This request is to increase the funding amount for FY18 to \$100,000.

The current annual budget for UNITE Pinellas is \$100,000. As such, this contract amendment is budget neutral.

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