

Chapter 102

SOCIAL SERVICES*

* **Charter References:** Power to develop public welfare programs, § 2.04(e).

Cross References: Juvenile welfare board, § 2-236 et seq.; housing finance authority, § 2-386 et seq.; community development, ch. 38; additional court costs imposed upon persons found guilty of misdemeanor involving illegal use of alcohol or drugs, § 46-26.

State Law References: General powers of chartered counties, Fla. Const. art. VIII, § 1(g); authority to provide welfare programs, F.S. § 125.01(1)(e); social welfare generally, F.S. chs. 409--523.

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ARTICLE I.

IN GENERAL

Sec. 102-1. Authority to administer housing assistance program.

The provisions of F.S. § 421.27(3) notwithstanding, the county housing authority may administer and operate the Section 8, Housing Assistance Payments Program as set forth in the 1974 United States Housing and Community Development Act, and its successors, within the corporate limits of any city within the county, regardless of the population of the city, and without the requirements of such city first creating a city housing authority, by the adoption of a resolution and agreement jointly approved by the governing body of such city and the county housing authority; and further provided that the county housing authority may enter into such agreement with such city that has a city housing authority in existence which is not operating the Section 8, Housing Assistance Payments Program within the corporate limits of such city.

(Laws of Fla. ch. 77-638, § 1)

Editors Note: The act contained in the above section assumed ordinance status pursuant to charter § 5.02.

Secs. 102-2--102-25. Reserved.

ARTICLE II.

WELFARE FUNDS*

* **Editors Note:** The act contained in this article assumed ordinance status pursuant to charter § 5.02.

Sec. 102-26. Administration of; qualifications of recipients; rules and regulations.

The board of county commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to make rules and regulations for the administration of welfare funds, establishing reasonable requirements to be met by persons applying for welfare benefits before they are entitled to receive such benefits.
(Laws of Fla. ch. 63-1787, § 3)

Sec. 102-27. Collection of welfare funds from recipient or his estate--Settlement of claims.

The board of county commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce, reduce to judgment, satisfy, compromise, settle, subordinate, release, or otherwise dispose of any debt or lien imposed under this article upon a recipient of welfare funds or his property.
(Laws of Fla. ch. 63-1787, § 5)

Sec. 102-28. Same--Enforcement of lien; conditions.

No lien obtained under the provisions of this article shall be foreclosed against the welfare recipient's property until such recipient conveys the property or is deceased.
(Laws of Fla. ch. 63-1787, § 6)

Secs. 102-29--102-45. Reserved.

ARTICLE III.

SOCIAL ACTION FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD*

* **Editors Note:** Ord. No. 01-40, adopted June 26, 2001, changed the title of art. III from "Social Action and Mental Health Funding Advisory Board" to "Social Action Funding Advisory Board".

Sec. 102-46. Purpose and intent.

(a) It is the intent of the board of county commissioners to allocate funding for social service agencies, which agencies provide services to citizens of Pinellas County through the social action funding advisory board.

(b) The social action funding advisory board, with the assistance and support of the department of social services, shall serve as the screening body for consideration of social service grant applications and submit its recommendations to the board of county commissioners for review and approval.

(c) Final decisions of the board of county commissioners are not contingent upon the recommendations of the social action funding advisory board.
(Ord. No. 98-61, § 1, 6-23-98; Ord. No. 01-40, § 1, 6-26-01)

Sec. 102-47. Creation.

There is hereby created the social action funding advisory board which shall serve as representative and advisor to the board of county commissioners on issues involving social services funding for agencies serving citizens of Pinellas County.
(Ord. No. 98-61, § 2, 6-23-98; Ord. No. 01-40, § 2, 6-26-01)

Sec. 102-48. Membership of the board.

(a) The membership of the social action funding advisory board shall consist of seven members, one each to be nominated by each member of the board of county commissioners and appointed by the board of county commissioners. Members may hold successive terms upon reappointment.

(b) Members of the social action funding advisory board shall serve at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners for a term not to exceed one year from the date of appointment.
(Ord. No. 98-61, § 3, 6-23-98; Ord. No. 00-81, § 1, 10-10-00; Ord. No. 01-40, § 3, 6-26-01)

Sec. 102-49. Powers and responsibilities.

(a) The social action funding advisory board shall have general authority, powers and jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this article.

(b) The department of social services shall make rules as it deems necessary to implement the provisions of this article.

(c) The department of social services shall promulgate rules and regulations, including but not limited to, the following:

- (1) The program of service described by the recipient agency must be readily available to all residents living in the county.
- (2) The program must be organized to enhance health, economic or social well-being.
- (3) Programs must be available on a non-discriminatory basis and particularly must not be restricted based on age, race, sex or religion. This list shall not be exclusive.
- (4) Recipient agencies and their respective programs shall be nonprofit in nature. Such nonprofit status shall be determined by either proof of 501(c)(3) federal tax exempt status proof that an application for 501(c)(3) federal tax exempt status has been applied for, or proof of nonprofit status with the state.

(Ord. No. 98-61, § 4, 6-23-98; Ord. No. 01-40, 4, 6-26-01)

Sec. 102-50. Administrative responsibility.

(a) The department of social services shall provide administrative support to the social action funding advisory board.

(b) The department of social services shall be responsible for:

(1) Verifying information supplied by agencies requesting and receiving financial assistance from the county.

(2) Verifying compliance with social action funding advisory board's rules by agencies receiving financial assistance from the county.

(3) Insuring compliance with F.S. ch. 119 et seq., F.S. ch. 286 et seq., and other applicable Government-In-The-Sunshine Laws.

(Ord. No. 98-61, § 5, 6-23-98; Ord. No. 01-40, § 5, 6-26-01)

Sec. 102-51. Meetings.

(a) The social action funding advisory board shall meet on a quarterly basis or as otherwise directed by the chairman.

(b) Four members of the social action funding advisory board shall form a quorum.

(c) Special or emergency meetings of the social action funding advisory board may be called by:

(1) The chairman;

(2) The director of the department of social services for the county; or

(3) Any four members of the social action funding advisory board.

(Ord. No. 98-61, § 6, 6-23-98; Ord. No. 01-40, § 6, 6-26-01)

Sec. 102-52. Area embraced.

This article shall be in effect in all municipalities and the unincorporated areas of the county.
(Ord. No. 98-61, § 7, 6-23-98)