

# THE TALLAHASSEE/LEON COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

## COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICE PARTNERSHIP 2015 FACT SHEET

### WHAT IS CHSP?

The *Community Human Service Partnership* (CHSP) is an innovative collaboration between Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, and the United Way of the Big Bend. It was established to most effectively distribute community funds for human services. CHSP was first implemented in 1997. Prior to the development of the CHSP funding distribution process, the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, and the United Way conducted separate grant review processes; consequently, local human service providers had to participate in three different processes.

- Partnership assures 100 percent of CHSP funds are allocated to areas of greatest need and opportunity, directly impacting client's in most difficult social and economic conditions.
- Nonprofit human service organizations submit rigorous funding applications.
- Volunteer citizen evaluation teams review each application, assessing each agency's proposal, to ensure the highest levels of integrity and objectivity in the award process.

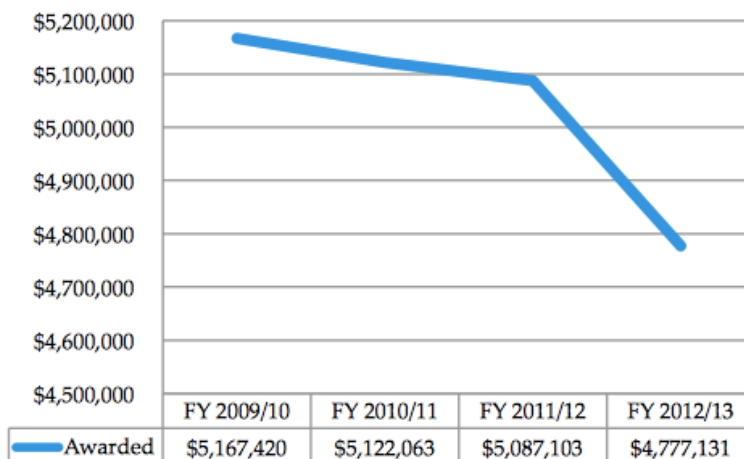
### WHY IS CHSP IMPORTANT?

- 23.2% of Leon County residents live below the poverty line, compared to the statewide average of 16.3%.
- 55% of children in school readiness programs in Leon County are eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- 58% of single women with children live in poverty in Leon County.

### WHO BENEFITS?

- CHSP funds a broad continuum of community need:
- children's services
  - community support services
  - services for persons with disabilities
  - senior services
  - substance abuse services
  - youth recreation and character building services

### WHAT'S AT STAKE?



- Not only is the level of CHSP insufficient, it is also unpredictable.
- Without sufficient and predictable funding, services across our community would be jeopardized.

### **CALL TO ACTION**

Please ask your County or City Commissioner to increase funding for CHSP –  
The health and well being of local women and girls depend on it!

**County Commissioners:** <http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Home/County-Commission/Meet-Your-Commissioners>

**City Commissioners:** <https://www.talgov.com/commission/commission-about.aspx>

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