

Agenda Item

Date:**To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners**Through:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager**From:** Jennifer L. Eby, AICP, Director of Community Services**CC:** Kim Smith, Community Programs Coordinator
Allison Cutting, Community Services Supervisor
Rand M. Clark, CCAP, NCRT, Assistant Director of Community Services**Subject:** **2025 Philip S. Miller grant recommendations totaling \$195,000**

SUMMARY

The Douglas County Foundation (Foundation) has submitted the 2025 Philip S. Miller (PSM) grant recommendations for approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The recommendation awards \$195,000 to 19 organizations to benefit vulnerable residents, promote self-sufficiency, and expand access to mental health services.

BACKGROUND

PSM funds are to be used exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary or education purposes. The BCC prioritizes applicants proposing services and outcomes that address self-sufficiency, at-risk youth, suicide prevention, older adult services and gaps in medical and mental health services.

The amount available for the 2025 PSM grant distribution is \$195,000. Historically, a portion of the annual funds is distributed to organizations providing services to older adults, with the remainder awarded through a competitive grant process. At a work session on May 19, 2025, the BCC approved allocating \$90,000 for older adults and \$105,000 for competitive grants.

DISCUSSION

County staff reviewed 67 grant applications, and the Foundation recommends 19 awards for approval by the BCC. Four awards are for older adult services and fifteen competitive grant recommendations support programs benefiting vulnerable residents, promoting self-sufficiency, and expanding access to mental health services.

NEXT STEPS

Staff requests BCC approval of the 2025 PSM grant awards. If approved, a check ceremony will be scheduled for a future Business Meeting.