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## CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON AND CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH:** JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

**FROM:** ORIE BULLARD, JUSTICE SERVICE CENTER DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** SECOND CHANCE ACT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

**DATE:** OCTOBER 21, 2020

**CC:** GENERAL PUBLIC

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### **Background:**

The Justice Service Center is an ex-offender reentry program providing non-traditional case management services to returning citizens in Palm Beach County. These services include: Job Readiness Training, Educational Assistance, Transportation Assistance, Mental Health Assistance, Substance Abuse Treatment, Restoration of Civil Rights, Identification Assistance, Transitional Housing, and other support services as needed. Opening its doors in February 2007 with the goal of “empowering communities through restoration” The Justice Service Center has provided essential social services to over 1500 residents. The program focuses on promoting community growth and alleviating the burden of recidivism on the Riviera Beach Community and Palm Beach County at large.

On September 23, 2019 a community collaborative of The Lord’s Place, Goodwill Industries and The Justice Service Center were awarded the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Program’s Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Grant. The Lord’s Place submitted the application as the lead agency and The Justice Service Center and Goodwill Industries are positioned as Sub-recipients. This community collaboration seeks to enhance the current reentry services offered by providing additional Case Management, Peer Advocates and Support Services for criminal justice-involved citizens. The total amount awarded to the Justice Service Center is \$267, 500 over the duration of the grant term which is three years.



**Citywide Goal:**

This item incorporates the citywide goals of strengthening community engagement and building great neighborhoods.

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:**

Bureau of Justice Assistance Office of Justice Programs will provide funding through The Lord's Place to The City of Riviera Beach in the amount of \$267,500 to enhance reentry efforts.

**Recommendation(s):**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with The Lord's Place for enhancement of reentry efforts facilitated by the Justice Service Center.

**Attachment(s):**

1. Resolution to approve Memorandum of Agreement
2. Memorandum of Agreement

