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## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1027

1. **Title of Project:** JAFCO Children's Ability Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kevin Rader

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/31/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The JAFCO Children's Ability Center provides quality family enrichment, resources and respite services to families raising children with developmental disabilities. The overall goal of this program is to reduce the stress of parents who are raising a child with a developmental disability while increasing the socialization and skills of the children, thereby helping to preserve the family unit and reducing the need for costly out-of-home placements for the children. The Ability Center is a "one-stop-shop" for developmental disability services and is the only center of its kind in the United States providing intensive support, enrichment and respite services under one roof not only for children with developmental disabilities but focused on the entire family. The center is open 24/7/365 to provide to provide overnight out-of-home extended respite care and intensive case management.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	950,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>950,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	950,000	24.1%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	2,000,000	50.6%
Other	1,000,000	25.3%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>3,950,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		500,000		No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 950000

#### 10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	90% of the funds will be used for program staff to provide 24 hour care for the children in the respite program. These staff include psychologists, social workers, therapists, BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst), nurses and direct care staff.	855,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	10% of the funds will be used for food and other supplies for the children and the programs including iPads for communication, computer software, art supplies and music therapy.	95,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>950,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

The overall goal of this program is to reduce the stress of parents who are raising a child with a developmental disability while increasing the socialization and skills of the children, thereby helping to preserve the family unit and reduce out-of-home placement for children.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Day and overnight out-of-home respite at the Ability Center including two weeks a year per child and and comprehensive support services to families raising a child with a developmental disability including intensive case management, parent behavior raining and social and life skills training for the children.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Services include out-of-home day, evening, weekend, overnight, emergency or extended respite services (up to two weeks per year per child) that allows the children to enjoy exciting enrichment activities while the parents take a much needed extended break from the often overwhelming demands of parenting a child with a



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developmental disability. Additional services include a formal social skills and life skills training program that prepares children to work and live independently. Furthermore, therapeutic support groups are held throughout the week for the entire family (mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents). Parent education, behavior training and parent/family socialization activities are provided to increase parenting skills, improve the parent-relationship and strengthen the connection between families to develop a sense of community.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

The program will benefit youth ages 0-22 years with any developmental disability and their families. The entire family of the child with a disability will benefit by receiving support services. This program will provide support to families who are on the waiting list for Med-Waiver, many of whom are currently in crisis.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

The goal is to maintain the child in the home for as long as possible thereby avoiding more costly out-of-home residential placements at a huge savings to the state. As a result of this program, 85% of parent / caregivers will report reduced stress, 90% of children served will be maintained in the home 6 months after starting respite services and 90% of children served will maintain or enhance developmentally appropriate skills through use of respite. Outcomes will be measured using pre-and post-test scores on the Parenting Stress Index for the parents and on a developmental skills assessment for the children.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?**

Standard penalties only-to include return of funds.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** JAFCO Children's Ability Center
- b. **County:** Broward
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity



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University or College

Other (Please specify)

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