



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2213

1. Title of Project: Girl Matters: Continuity of Care Model Program

2. Senate Sponsor: Aaron Bean

3. Date of Submission: 02/23/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The purpose of this request is to sustain the Girls Matters: Continuity of Care (CCM) successful community-based model program developed and implemented by the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center. The purpose of CCM is to slow down the conveyor belt of girls going deeper in the justice system and to stop the revolving door of girls cycling in and out of the system due to unaddressed mental health needs. We have proven that girls in or at serious risk of entering the justice system can be better served in the local community and save the state significant funding by preventing girls who do not pose a public safety risk from being committed to costly residential commitment programs far away from their homes. An investment of \$375,000 in the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center's CCM program interrupts the path to the justice system for 63 girls and saves the State \$4.5 million. Since the program's inception, incarceration of girls has reduced by 57% in Duval County compared to 16% statewide.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Juvenile Justice

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	375,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	375,000

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)	375,000	67.12%
Federal	100,000	17.90%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	83,665	14.98%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	558,665	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		375,000		No

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$375,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	President & CEO .2 FTE plus 30% fringe. The president and CEO promotes the Policy Center’s mission of advancing the rights of girls and young women, especially those in the juvenile justice. She executes the strategic goals and objectives set by the Board of Directors, leads the advocacy reform agenda and oversees the management of the day-to-day operations and ensures long term sustainability of the organization. (More info available)	14,990
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Senior VP - .2 FTE (\$10,300), Mental Health Professionals - 2 FTE (\$70,497), Care Managers - 2 FTE (\$59,384), Group Facilitator 1 FTE (\$21,120), Dir. of Clinical Services - .7 FTE (\$40,200), VP Research, - .2 FTE (\$8,932), Support Staff - .23 FTE (34,072) plus 30% fringe (\$69,161).	313,666
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, Building Occupancy, Phone, Technology, Travel, Operating Supplies and Expenses	46,344
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		375,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The goals of CCM are to (1) reduce risk factors leading to deeper juvenile justice system involvement and interrupt the revolving door of girls who cycle in and out due to unaddressed behavioral health needs; (2) increase access to community-based girl-centered therapeutic services deliberately designed to address factors that put girls at risk of incarceration; (3) provide interventions at multiple points to interrupt the pathway for girls who are at risk of suspension, on probation, in detention, in court, in residential placement or transitioning back to the local community; (4) interrupt pathways of abuse and trauma that lead to girls’ internalizing (e.g, suicide ideation, self mutilation) and externalizing behaviors (e.g., running away, delinquency).



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

1. Girl-Centered Counseling: Individual/family counseling focused on root causes. Individualized sessions take place where the girls/families are (office, home, school, community, etc.) 2. Mobile Care Management/Crisis Intervention (on-call 24/7/365). Advocacy to access resources (psychological testing, medication management, health care, pro bono legal services, tutoring, scholarships, employment, housing, clothing, food, childcare, etc.), mentoring, advocacy in court proceeding, multi-disciplinary staffings. 3. Intervention in School: On site individualized intervention (as appropriate) which includes individualized care management and referrals for services, skills building, mentoring and or advocacy within the school regarding academic and disciplinary matters. 4. Detention Center Services: SAVVY enrichment group sessions for skill building in safety, communication, emotions, etc. 5. Transitional Services: Assistance with housing, reintegrating families, ongoing counseling.

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

The Girl Matters: Continuity of Care services are designed to improve public safety by addressing the root causes that put girls on a track to justice involvement. Direct services include intensive intervention supports to under served at risk girls and their families living in high risk/under resourced neighborhoods. We collaborate with law enforcement, judges, state attorneys, public defenders and support their efforts to reduce juvenile crime, which directly benefits citizens by decreasing crime and creating safer communities. In-school services directly support our local schools by modeling effective interventions that reduce suspensions. Business owners benefit through the placement of girls as effective employees. Citizens benefit by the improved public safety and better use of tax dollars. The girls benefit by having the opportunity to be contributing citizens.

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

Girls between the ages of 5-17 who are in, or at risk of entering the justice system, and their family members living in Florida's First Coast (Duval, Baker, St. Johns, Nassau and Clay Counties). 63 girls will receive intensive therapeutic services and an additional 100 girls will be served through groups at the detention center during the project year. It is noteworthy that girls in the First Coast region reported greater risk factors than girls statewide in every category of physical and sexual abuse, mental health needs, self mutilation, suicidal ideation and attempts, and family risk factors on the DJJ PAT Assessment.

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

Improved mental health: 100% will have access to individualized counseling and therapeutic interventions; 90% will demonstrate improved mental health as evidenced by reduced risk and need scores in the Mental Health Domains as measured by the DJJ Prevention Assessment Tool (PAT); 90% will avoid arrests for new criminal offenses as evidenced by regular Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) reports; 90% will be diverted from residential commitment and receive community based services. JJIS is utilized to document participant's criminal status upon intake and exit for each program year. The Policy Center research team measures girl's perceptions of social support by calculating the number and percent of youth exhibiting desired change divided by the number of completions.

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?



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Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables provided for in the contract is a reduction in the amount of the monthly payment after finding substantial evidence of non-delivery of service(s) as required by the contract. The suggested penalty for failing to meet performance measures provided for in the contract is a review of the deficiency to determine if it is critical, major, or minor. If it is a critical deficiency or minor deficiency, the opportunity to work with prevention staff to correct and close out the deficiency. If it is a major deficiency, an Outcome Based Corrective Action Plan will be created and submitted to the Department for review and approval.

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:** Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center (DBWPC, Inc.)
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- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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