

- LFIR # 1723
- 1. **Project Title** Oak Street Home II Female Teen Delinquency Prevention Program

2. Senate Sponsor Bobby Powell

3. Date of Request 11/18/2019

#### 4. **Project/Program Description**

Foster children experience childhood trauma and come into care through no fault of their own. While many children thrive, some may have multiple placement failures, experience delinquency, exhibit multiple negative behaviors such as running away, truancy, defiance, sexually reactive behaviors and substance abuse. To mitigate the negative consequences of these behaviors on the children and society, ChildNet is working to create Oak II, a unique residential program that will serve the four most complex and challenging dually dependent and delinquent female teens who also have significant educational deficits and are designated as requiring exceptional student educational services by the Palm Beach County School District. The original Oak program, through a special partnership with a charter school, already has successfully served the four most challenging male teens in the county. This request will support its replication with the county's most challenging female teens.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Juvenile Justice

State Agency contacted? 

Yes
No

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	630,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	630,000

#### 7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	630000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	630,000	100 %

### 8. Has this project previously received state funding? $\bigcirc$ Yes $\odot$ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year	Amount Spec		Specific	Specific	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	Vetoed	

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? • Yes • No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

630,000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Oth	er	
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Costs related to providing residential care in a very unique small group home setting with intensive staff- to-client ratios. A subcontracted service provider will employ more experienced and qualified direct-care and therapeutic treatment staff in the home. A designated staff member will also transport and stay with them in school, through a special partnership with a local charter school. The staff will then return with them and reinforce and maintain academic and behavioral interventions and g	630,000
Fixed Capital Construc	tion/Major Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/ Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Re	equested (must equal total from question #6)	630,000



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

1. To provide a stable, supportive home-like placement. 2. Reduce negative behaviors such as delinquency, substance use, running away, truancy, defiance. This will result in fewer arrests and fewer Baker Acts. 3. To Increase academic performance and work experiences.

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

The most challenging female teens will be provided residential care in a very unique small group home setting with intensive staff-toclient ratios. A subcontracted service provider will employ more experienced and qualified direct-care and therapeutic treatment staff in the home. A designated staff member will also transport and stay with them in school, through a special partnership with a local charter school. The staff will then return with them and reinforce and maintain academic and behavioral interventions and gains from school.

#### c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

1. Address health and medical needs: ensure children are attending necessary appointments. 2. Address mental health needs: ensure children are attending therapy appointments and obtain info about psychotropic medications 2. Ensure children participate in Independent Living activities and training. 3 Promote participation in extracurricular enrichment 4. Maintain ongoing communication with local charter school, Department of Juvenile Justice and Court Administration. 5. Increase academic performance: participating in school meetings, activities, meeting with teachers.

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

The target population for this project is the most challenging female foster youth in Palm Beach county with a history of multiple placement failures, delinquency and negative behaviors such as running away, truancy, defiance, sexually reactive behaviors and substance abuse. This project will serve four children at any one time. The total number of children served will depend on client age, reunification and permanency options, and overall program success.

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

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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?

ChildNet is willing to work with the Legislature to identify a course of action that would satisfy the Legislature's mandate to be good stewards of the state's funds.



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# 12. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

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