

# Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Devereuz Florida
2. Date of Submission: 01/14/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Rene Plasencia

## 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes  
***If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d***
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2014-15
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget  (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A )	<b>INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested</b>  (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	<b>Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding</b>  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					0	500,000	500,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:

## 5. Requester:

- a. Name: Steven Murphy
- b. Organization: Devereux Florida

- c. Email: Steven.Murphy@devereux.org
- d. Phone #: (407)362-9213

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Devereux Florida
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Statewide, Orange
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide, Orange

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Human Trafficking remains the nation's fastest growing and second-largest criminal industry, and Florida is ranked third-highest for the rate of commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC). Florida lawmakers have responded, and thanks to the legislature, strong collaborative partnerships have been forged over the past three years to establish a foundation for a state-wide system of response. The Department of Children and Families, the Department of Juvenile Justice, law enforcement and service providers have worked together to increase awareness and to develop an array of therapeutic services that many of these youth require to begin a path of healing. Devereux has been at the forefront of this development. In 2014, Devereux expanded capacity within the organization's continuum of services by strengthening existing specialized clinical services for sexually exploited youth in residential settings and to provide these highly-specialized services to youth in community-based settings, such as foster care and outpatient counseling. In addition, Devereux led state-wide training and consultation efforts building the general knowledge, increasing awareness, and strengthening practice of many clinicians, service providers, case managers and foster parents. These stakeholders represent partner organizations in over 45 counties across the state.

As awareness has increased, identification of youth who have been verified as victims of sexual exploitation, or who are found to be at great risk of sexual exploitation has increased. As may be expected with such a challenging dilemma on a national and global scale, the work in this area has just begun. A service continuum in our state has not developed as rapidly as the awareness of sexual exploitation has increased. As service providers developed services in accordance with the Florida Safe Harbor Act, and despite well intended efforts to respond to an unmet need, programs evolved without the clinical expertise required to sustain the operation of an appropriate placement option. Case examples provide anecdotal evidence of failed placements, resulting in multiple cases of children eloping from placements and even being administratively discharged from the programs that were intended to provide a safe placement for them to begin their path of healing. Children are experiencing further rejection and failure and many have returned to the life of human trafficking in response to well-intentioned but not adequately prepared providers. Despite the efforts and noted advancement of our state's infrastructure to serve this population, a competency gap in service delivery remains. Funding to support this growing population is still needed to address the following areas;

? Training and consultation to strengthen knowledge and build skills for those working with this population and to implement protocols to maintain and stabilize placement

? Expansion of highly-specialized therapeutic services in each community state-wide, with a broad continuum of options for placement

? Nimble access to specialized services in all levels of care, to include prevention services not readily accessible by an existing system of care

A one-time funding request of \$500,000 will provide the resources to address the abovementioned gaps that remain in services and unmet needs for sexually exploited children.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No