

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: Holocaust Survivor Services
2. Date of Submission: 01/07/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Bill Hager

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.) | | | |
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| | 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) | INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested | TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year) | Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F) |
| Input Amounts: | | | | | 0 | 250,000 | 250,000 |

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Danielle Hartman
- b. Organization: Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Palm Beach
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Palm Beach

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.)

As part of the South Florida region, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS) is home to the 2nd largest concentrations of Holocaust Survivors in the country. Over 4,000 households in our service area are occupied by at least one Survivor. Our Survivors are becoming frailer as they outlive their resources. They are having difficulty paying for food, medicine, doctor bills and other basic needs. The need is greater now than ever before because many are all alone, left without spouses or family. The aging process for Holocaust Survivors is often more challenging when compared to the typical aging population due to the unimaginable horrors they faced in concentration camps, forced labor, ghettos, and fleeing from persecution.

For many of our Survivors whose loved ones live out of the area, JFS has become a surrogate family and provides a much needed safety net against isolation, despair and hopelessness. Without our support for Survivors, most of who live at or below the poverty line, many would not be able to remain safely at home, causing them to relocate to institutionalized care that, for many, brings back suppressed feelings related to their experiences in the Holocaust.

The JFS Holocaust Assistance Program began over 10 years ago to assist Holocaust Survivors to remain in their home environment as they age. The goal of the program is to provide essential home health care services to prevent or at least delay relocation of Survivors to an assisted living facility or nursing home. Holocaust Survivors are much more likely to need additional help than non-Survivors due to the trauma experienced from physical and mental torture. As our Survivors age, they become more vulnerable and their needs for assistance greatly increase. These elders depend on JFS to provide the help they need to take part in all that life has to offer, rather than face constant hardship. The demand for this program has been great and we have recently been faced with having to create a waiting list for services. Funds will enable us to serve all of the Survivors who come to us with the care, dignity, and respect they deserve. They are approaching the end of their lives. Time is of the essence.

JFS currently provides services for 322 Survivors and approximately 1000 Survivors attend our survivor socialization events each year. Our goal is to enable the

Survivors in our community to continue to live comfortably, safely, and age happily in their homes and to ensure that they have the care that they need and are not left alone, helpless, and destine to institutional care. Funding through the House of Representatives request will enable us to provide homecare and companion services to an additional 22 Survivors (average of 15 hours per week of homecare). In addition, we have recently created an expanded model of Holocaust survivor trauma care which includes serving the public as a whole through Honoring Life Training; a cultural sensitivity program for those who work with Survivors and the community at large. Our goal is to provide training to at least 150 community members annually. This will provide an invaluable education opportunity to gain a better understanding of how to work with Survivors to avoid the risk of re-traumatize by actions, influences, or situations that may not be recognized as risks by a non-survivor.

Program success will be realized through achieving the following measurable outcomes:

? At least 90% of all Holocaust Survivor Assistance clients will remain in their home

? An additional 22 Holocaust Survivors will receive In Home Services (We currently serve 322 Survivors)

? At least 85% of those Holocaust Survivors receiving Counseling Services will report that services had a positive impact on their wellbeing

? At least 85% of those Holocaust Survivors attending a JFS Holocaust socialization event will indicate that their participation had a positive impact on their wellbeing.

? Honoring Life Training (Cultural Sensitivity Training) will be provided to at least 150 community professionals who work directly with Holocaust Survivors

Our findings continue to show that Survivors who receive support and assistance from JFS remain in their homes longer with an improved quality of life. Our Survivors are approaching the end of their lives. We must not let them live their final years in despair. We must not let them die alone, in isolation, and in fear. We must never forget. Time is of the essence.

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