

# 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: Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC) Community Works
2. Date of Submission: 01/14/2016
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? No  
*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?
- 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:					100,000	80,000	180,000

- 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: Nancy Freiwald
- b. Organization: Jewish Association for Residential Care Florida
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Jewish Association for Residential Care
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Palm Beach
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Broward, 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.)

According to the agency for persons with disabilities, there are currently 63,000 persons in Palm Beach County who are living with a disability. While the unemployment rate is 5.4% in Florida, the Bureau of Labor statistic estimates that only 17.1% of persons with disabilities are employed. That would indicate that over 52,000 persons with disabilities in Palm Beach County are unemployed. The economic implications of these statistics are staggering. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H.W. Bush. The ADA is one of America's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life -- to enjoy employment opportunities, to purchase goods and services, and to participate in State and local government programs and services. Although this was a start in the right direction, it was only a small step. Through the introduction of the Olmstead decision in 2009, we have made more progress in clarifying the rights of persons with disabilities. The Court held that public entities must provide community-based services to persons with disabilities when (1) such services are appropriate; (2) the affected persons do not oppose community-based treatment; and (3) community-based services can be reasonably accommodated. Additionally, the Olmstead decision's long range goal is to close all pre-employment training programs in favor of integrated community based employment. With an unemployment rate for person with disabilities at 72.9%, clearly we have not done enough.

JARC Florida has been providing pre-employment training to adults with intellectual disabilities and Autism for over 15 years. It is the ultimate goal of the program to see each individual who desires to transition into community employment. While JARC has helped over 50 persons with disabilities to obtain and maintain community employment, there are still many obstacles preventing us from increasing that number. With employers seeking to hire individuals who can cross train and multi task, they often dismiss persons with disabilities as a viable option to fulfill their staffing needs. At JARC, we have been working to

change this preconceived notion and show employers that a person with a disability may be their best asset. We have found success by setting up community based training locations in our local community. This is a win-win for all involved. JARC staff accompanies a small group of participants from our pre-employment training program to the employer's location. Our trainees work with JARC staff to fulfill the needs of the employer. They gain practical experience and the employer gets the job done. This program allows the employer to recognize the talents of persons with disabilities without risk. Our most successful partnership is with Marshall's. Since we began this program less than one year ago, Marshall's has hired 3 participants. Marshall's gained 3 fully trained employees and the employees gained a sense of accomplishment and pride that is immeasurable. The new employees also become less dependent upon public assistance.

The downside of this program is that it is not funded by any state or federal program. The cost of transportation and training is \$3,600 per participant for a 6 month training program. Our goal is to place 50 participants over the course of one year in community based training for a total cost of \$180,000 for one year. While other states have formulated plans and implemented programs to address the Olmstead decision, Florida has not. The JARC Employment Center for Excellence is a step in the right direction. It is a step towards independence, integration, economic self-sufficiency and a sense of pride and accomplishment that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

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?

Yes