

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: Long Term Supportive Housing Program
2. Date of Submission: 01/11/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Jose Diaz

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)	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	500,000	500,000

- 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: Rosemary Smith Hoel
- b. Organization: Psycho-social Rehabilitation Center Inc. d/b/a Fellowship House
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- d. Phone #: (305)667-1036 Ext. 1228

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Psycho-social Rehabilitation Center Inc. d/b/a Fellowship Ho
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Miami-Dade
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Miami-Dade

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.)

Fellowship House proposes a Long Term Supportive Housing Project which aims to increase the availability of affordable supportive housing opportunities for individuals debilitated by severe mental illness and those with co-occurring substance abuse disorders in the Miami-Dade County Area. Miami has steadily become the 8th most expensive city in the US to rent in. For individuals that live below the poverty level due to their disability, renting a one bedroom apartment at \$1,880 per month (Munzenrieder, "Median Rent in Miami for a Two-Bedroom Apartment Is \$2,450, Eighth Highest in Nation.") is just not feasible. Additionally, landlords have also increased the detail and amount of documentation required to lease a unit, further stigmatizing individuals who are unable to meet these requirements. Fellowship House is targeting a specific group for these units; individuals that fall into the Criminogenic Population. Criminogenic is defined as causing or likely to cause criminal behavior. These individuals have a higher propensity for reoffending due to several factors which contribute to recidivism. Some of these factors include criminal history, family criminality, age at first admission to a correctional facility, and number of prior incarcerations. Other risk factors which are more changeable include the company he or she keeps, his or her attitudes and core values, substance abuse, and employment. Fellowship House staff invests a great deal of time and resources to ensure that our members are receiving services which provide support in these areas of greatest risk.

The over-representation of persons with serious behavioral health illnesses in the criminal justice system is an ongoing concern for our community. It is for these very reasons that Fellowship House is requesting non-recurring funds of \$500,000.00 in order to provide members greatly needing affordable housing, the ability to access it without excessive obstacles. Historically, Fellowship House's Community Housing Project has yielded impressive outcomes, including reduced hospital recidivism, increased levels of functioning and increased employability for the chronically mentally ill. The results of this project are tangible, and can be seen in these outcomes, as well as the reduced cost of this service versus hospitalization or incarceration. The Legislature's support of this permanent housing

project would not only benefit the individuals it serves?who would be given the opportunity to live a fulfilling, autonomous life in affordable low income housing, but it would benefit the whole community by engaging these individuals as contributing, productive members of society.

Fellowship House has worked alongside several predominant organizations within the Miami-Dade County Community to assist individuals experiencing mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders including The Homeless Trust, South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Citrus Health Network, Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget Grants Coordination, and Miami-Dade County Transit. Our agency also works with local police (Palmetto Bay/Homestead/South Miami) on identifying and tracking habitual offenders as well as Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) for Baker Acts. State-wide, we also receive support from Elder Affairs for our Adult Care Food Program, and Department for Vocational Rehabilitation.

Fellowship House is currently working with South Florida Behavioral Health Network to provide Residential Level II (transitional) housing and services for the Criminogenic Population. The Agency has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with SFBHN, the Jail Diversion program, Citrus Star, state hospitals and other entities connected to the criminal justice system who refer individuals to our program. We provide effective services to individuals diverted to treatment as an alternative to institutionalization and assist them in the move from transitional housing to permanent housing. Criminal Justice members who transition into our permanent housing program will be provided a bundle of services which will be funded by Managing Entities such as SFBHN and Medicaid, making it easier to live independently. Additionally, Fellowship House exclusively matches funds as an agency for residential staff positions because we understand how crucial these positions are in offering support to our constituents. Fellowship House will provide \$154,778 (24%) of Match funds through our services (Case Management, Psycho-social Rehabilitation, Outpatient, Employment Services) and personnel salaries to this project. Though SFBHN does provide funding for 24 hour care in our Level II facilities, their funding is rescinded upon successful transition into the community where there is little to no housing available for those in the criminogenic population. The funding received by the legislature will allow us to provide these individuals with long term permanent supportive housing once they transition out of our Level II facilities.

Fellowship House is no stranger to the criminogenic population and our agency has been successful in rehabilitating individuals under this category for over a decade. Our program is tailored to fit the needs of members coming from the criminal justice system and looking to complete their treatment under the supportive guidance of trained and experienced staff. Our experience in rehabilitating those under the forensic spectrum means that we are prepared to handle all the complications that may arise with the criminogenic population. Many of these individuals are unable to find housing due to the extensive background screenings that are required by landlords in the Miami-Dade County area. Many individuals are turned away from permanent housing opportunities due to their records. As such, our ability to provide permanent housing to the criminogenic population will allow them to live in a stable, affordable environment where they can work on their treatment without the stigma placed on them by society.

Having an additional building in our residential program will increase housing capacity and leverage services. The need for housing, particularly affordable housing is extensive. With the acquisition of this building through the one-time funding of the legislation, Fellowship House will be able to increase the amount of individuals served through our program. Though we currently receive funding locally through managing entities and the county, they are unable to provide the funds necessary to bring this project into fruition, though they will supply the needed services for members residing at the permanent housing location. Fellowship House will offer those in our long term supportive housing program wrap around services that cater to specific needs. Psycho-social Rehabilitation provides members the ability to enhance social, interpersonal, vocational, and basic living skills with the goal of achieving maximum community integration. Case Management Services provides coordination of necessary services as indicated on the member?s individualized service plan. Linkage is provided to services such as health care, psychiatric services, and vocational/ educational training. Outpatient Services assists in obtaining quality mental health treatment and

therapeutic services. Services include: consultation and evaluation, assessment, treatment plan review, individual, group and family therapy. Club Fellowship is the first accredited Clubhouse in Miami-Dade County and provides our members opportunities to build long-term relationships that, in turn, support them in obtaining employment, education and housing. Additionally, Club Fellowship offers Transitional Employment (TE) which provides, as a right of membership, opportunities for members to work on job placements in a variety of local businesses and industries. Our Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Team, which employs a group of multidisciplinary mental health professionals, provides our members with treatment, rehabilitation, and support services clients need to achieve their goals. Lastly, our Community Housing offers continuum of residential settings ranging from supervised, transitional residential treatment to permanent supportive housing. Staff caters their support and service delivery to individual member needs and assists with skills associated with daily living, such as self-care skills and interpersonal communication.

With the Supportive Housing Project, Fellowship House will expand its Housing Program through the acquisition and rehabilitation of an 8 bed apartment building or duplex. This building will include both single and shared furnished units where all of the necessities of daily living would be provided for its residents. Because the vast major of individuals served through our programs fall well below the poverty level, rent stability is a major concern. Rising rent costs would prevent our clients from sustaining an independent living environment. Our project aims to achieve and maintain that vital stability. Although the independent living units will be fully integrated within the Miami-Dade community, the residents of the Supportive Housing Project will receive essential support services that promote rehabilitation and recovery, including weekly residential support, case management, psychiatric and therapeutic services and employment services. As past achievements indicate, this type of program truly promotes psychiatric stability while maintaining the integrity of the individual and improving his/her quality of life.

Fellowship House will purchase and fully rehabilitate a building and prepare it for full use by our clients. The building will be stocked with appliances and all amenities necessary for daily living. Once in operation, residents will receive the supportive services needed to promote maximum levels of success. The individuals served through the Supportive Housing Project will achieve reduced hospital recidivism (3% or less), improved attainment of goal outcomes in treatment plans (5% or more) and increased employability skills (employed individuals retaining jobs for at least 10 months).

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