

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: Mental Health Support Program for the School District of Palm Beach County
2. Date of Submission: 12/17/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Lori Berman

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.) | | | |
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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 | 1,161,700 | 1,161,700 |

- 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: Keith Oswald
- b. Organization: Palm Beach County School District
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Palm Beach County School District
- 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.)

Additional information being e-mailed under separate cover

Request: Provide \$1,161,700 to create a model program for combining mental health education and early intervention with anti-bullying efforts in elementary, middle, and high schools. This program will impact ~ 18,600 students.

Program Description: Twenty Mental Wellness Facilitators will provide education and intervention services in 21 schools. Parent involvement and the training of student allies will be part of the initiative. In addition, the non-personnel funds requested in this grant will be used to purchase mental health curriculum for 102 elementary schools, 34 middle schools, and 23 high schools.

Rationale: Recent events in Connecticut, Colorado, Polk County have shown that students who have vulnerabilities in elements of mental health are often unidentified and do not receive adequate support. In addition, bullying and cyber-bullying behaviors reached a point where the legislators in the State of Florida enacted the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up For All Students Act in 2009, and extended it to include cyber-bullying provisions in 2013. Many students who have been subjected to deliberate exclusion, put-downs, bullying, cyber-bullying, and unwanted physical contact have adequate resiliency and environmental supports to protect them against acute or long-term mental health issues. However, when the same negative behaviors happen regularly enough over a long period of time to students who lack those inner resources and supports, mental illness can develop or be exacerbated. The worse case scenarios result in homicide and suicide; but for every one of these extreme cases, there are untold thousands of cases where suffering that could have been prevented through early identification and

intervention is prolonged or passed along to the next generation. ?Mental disorders are the leading illness-related cause of death and disability in children and adolescents. As with all illnesses, the sooner mental illnesses are recognized and treated, the better the prognosis for recovery.? (CDC, 2004)

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

Federal: 371,467

State: 1,161,700 (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