

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: The Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc.
2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Ray Rodrigues
Members Copied:

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, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2019-20
- 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:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:	4,193,240	500,000	4,693,240	4,193,240	500,000	4,693,240

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Standard contracting penalties should apply.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Cindy Vallely
- b. Organization: Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc.
- c. Email: executivedirector@fncac.org
- d. Phone #: (850)671-4791

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

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8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Ronald Book
- b. Firm: Ronald L. Book, P.A.
- c. Email: ron@rlbookpa.com, rana@rlbookpa.com
- d. Phone #: (850)224-3424

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Funding will assist the Children's Advocacy Centers to improve and expand the consolidation of community, investigative, legal and social service programs necessary to deliver services to children who are victims of physical and/or sexual abuse, children who witness violent crime or domestic violence, child victims of trafficking, children who are victims of neglect or who are endangered due to drugs or alcohol abuse and their families or non offending caregivers.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Subawards to 27 Child Advocacy Centers to provide advocacy, individual, family and group therapy, forensic and special interviews, medical assessments and psychological evaluations to child victims of physical and sexual abuse, trafficking, witness to crime, are drug endangered and who witness domestic violence.	500,000
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		

<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		500,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Many families that the CACs serve do not wish to be identified but the CACs have community support from law enforcement, the State Attorney's Office, Department of Children and Families (DCF), therapists and other allied professionals that work in the field of helping and protecting children. Memorandum's of Understanding (MOU's) are in place documenting cooperation and support between each of the 27 CAC's and the partner community agencies. Due to the volume, copies are available upon request.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

The National Center for Child Advocacy Centers has conducted several studies and written papers on the usefulness of Child Advocacy Centers. These studies document how CAC's improve the delivery of services to child victims in a less traumatic and more efficient manner than was the practice before CAC's were established. Having all the services needed to help these children and their families in one centralized location at the CAC greatly reduces re-victimizing these individuals.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

The Children's Advocacy Centers in Florida coordinate and facilitate the Multidisciplinary Teams in their communities which ensures services are provided to these children who are victims of physical and sexual abuse, trafficking, witness to crime, are drug endangered and who witness domestic violence. Services include individual, group and family therapy, medical assessments, psychological evaluations, forensic and specialized interviews, advocacy and referrals to community services.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Services provided to child victims and their non offending caretaker include: individual, group and family therapy, medical assessments, psychological evaluations, forensic and specialized interviews, advocacy and referrals to community services. These services not only assist victims and their families directly, but support the work of other agencies including law enforcement, prosecution and other community agencies to serve these victims.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students

- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe): Non offending caregivers and siblings of child abuse victims.

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Reduce trauma in families impacted by child abuse	Resources and services are provided to these abused children and their families; Mental health services provided to child victims and caregivers	All CACs conduct satisfaction surveys following their services. For those CACs who provide Mental Health services, generally accepted measurement tools assess the child and parent's progress throughout the therapeutic treatment.

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations	500,000	9.4%	N/A

Project Request:			
2. Federal:	212,000	4.0%	Yes
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	4,323,240	81.4%	Yes
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	274,000	5.2%	No
TOTAL	5,309,240	100%	

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

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2020-21 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

- ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M