

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: Child Representation Project (CRP)
2. Date of Submission: 01/12/2016
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? 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? 2015-16
- 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:	992,656	0	992,656	992,656	300,000	0	300,000

- 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: Nelson Hincapie
- b. Organization: Voices For Children Foundation, Inc.
- c. Email: NHincapie@BeAVoice.org
- d. Phone #: (305)281-4773

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Voices For Children Foundation, Inc.
- 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.)

The complete \$1,292,656 in funding requested of the state will supplement the approximate \$2,500,000 that Voices For Children raises on an annual basis from federal, state, local government and private funding. Funding is requested for the Child Representation Project for the 11th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program. This project addresses the need for child representation for abused and neglected children by a Guardian ad Litem as mandated by Florida Statutes. The CRP provides a cost-effective, quality model of representation that serves to provide early and quality representation for all child abuse victims, and utilize experiences and trained child advocates to protect the legal rights of children; something desperately needed with the continued deficiencies within the Child Welfare System and the Department of Children and Families. The full amount of funds requested will defray the cost of salaries and related fringe for 25 GAL employees who will provide advocacy, representation, recruitment and support services for the 11th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program.

Additional funding is requested to defray the operational costs at Voices For Children in order to raise increased funds to fulfill the objective of ensuring a sense of normalcy for children who are in the dependency system. The Children's Needs Program of Voices For Children aims to address both emergency needs (such as food and clothing) as well as establish as much child normalcy (such as field trips, family vacations, birthdays, enrichment opportunities, summer camps, etc) as possible during their transitional time spent in the dependency system as identified by the Guardian ad Litem advocate.

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

Federal: 0

State: 300,000 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 76,000

Other: 1,850,000

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

Yes