

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: Drug Court Funding Okaloosa/Escambia Counties
2. Date of Submission: 01/05/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Doug Broxson

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:	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	5,000,000	400,000	0	400,000

- 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: Gary Bembry
- b. Organization: Lakeview Center, Inc., Pensacola
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Lakeview Center, Inc., Pensacola
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Escambia, Okaloosa
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Escambia, Okaloosa

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.)

Legislative Briefing ? Drug Court Funding Okaloosa/Escambia Counties

The drug courts of Escambia and Okaloosa Counties represent a community partnership between Lakeview Center, Inc. and the First Judicial Circuit court of Florida which has been in existence for over 25 years. The drug courts are an alternative to costly incarceration for defendants who enter the judicial system due to substance abuse related criminal activity. Using a non-adversarial team approach, combined with an intensive, judicially monitored treatment program, the drug court offers defendants the opportunity to regain their place as productive, non-offending members of society. This is accomplished through the remarkable collaboration between the judge, state attorney, defense attorney, probation officers, court administration, and the drug court treatment personnel. Over the course of a year, the two drug courts divert approximately 150 individuals from state prison through the effective combination of treatment and judicial oversight.

National research on the effectiveness of drug courts indicates that individuals graduating from these programs are much less likely to experience re-arrest, with 70% of individuals successfully completing the program remaining arrest free at the two year mark. This research further supports that drug courts are one of the most cost effective methods within the criminal justice system. The cost of the drug court program, approximately \$5,000 per client, is much less than the cost of incarceration in the state prison system for an individual serving a multi-year sentence.

These two courts have traditionally been funded by dollars from the courts, augmented by state substance abuse treatment funds. Rising costs and increasing demands for services over time has negatively impacted our ability to continue to allocate state treatment dollars to subsidize the drug courts.

The current funding deficit for the two courts is \$400,000, without which the continuation of the partnership between Lakeview Center and the Escambia/Okaloosa Drug Courts is at extreme risk.

For FY 15/16, here is the specific appropriation:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 3169, \$5,000,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided for treatment services for offenders in post-adjudicatory drug court programs in Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough, Marion, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, and Volusia counties. Each program shall serve prison-bound offenders (at least 50 percent of participants shall have Criminal Punishment Code scores of greater than 44 points but no more than 60 points) and shall make residential treatment beds available for clients needing residential treatment.

This funding excluded money for Okaloosa.

Although the drug courts get funding from the state for Escambia, the contract with Escambia does not cover the whole cost of running the program. Okaloosa does not receive any money from the state to operate it's drug court.

The breakdown for this request of an additional \$400,000 in recurring funding is approximately: Okaloosa - \$210,000, Escambia - \$190,000. This is based on results from FY15 where significant losses were incurred. The drug courts are run as efficiently as possible but are constrained by the requirements of the program. Funding has not been available to the drug courts to cover their own costs.

It is anticipated that \$400,000 in recurring appropriations will be required to maintain the drug courts operating at its current capacity.

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