

# 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: FL Centers for Independent Living - Youth Transition Initiative
2. Date of Submission: 12/29/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Gayle Harrell

## 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 )	<b>INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested</b>  (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	<b>Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding</b>  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					0	3,800,000	3,800,000

- 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: Linda Keen
- b. Organization: Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living
- c. Email: linda@floridacils.org
- d. Phone #: (850)575-6004

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: FL Association of Centers for Independent Living
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide

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.)

Individuals with disabilities represent a disproportionate share of the unemployed population in Florida. Poor social skills, lack of independent living skills, lack of necessary supports and services, low self-confidence, reduced societal expectations, and even disincentives created by government assistance programs contribute to this problem.

Research indicates, however, that with proper preparation and appropriate accommodations, individuals with disabilities become highly prized by employers and add significant value to the organizations that hire them. All of society benefits from the direct contribution of these employees to the economy and from avoiding the cost of public supports to which all of these individuals would be entitled if they were not self-sufficient.

In order to increase employment of individuals with disabilities of all types, the 14 centers for independent living across the state of Florida are requesting \$3.8 million to assist youth ages 14-24 with disabilities who either have or are in the process of transitioning out of public schools to obtain competitive employment or participate in postsecondary education or vocational training. Youth transitioning out of the public school system are at a critical crossroads. They will either set out on a path to self-sufficiency and personal fulfillment or fall onto a slippery slope of chronic dependency.

Services will be organized into three phases: 1. evaluation, career/goal planning, and case management; 2. development of independent living skills and pathways to self-sufficiency; and, 3. work experience through internships and similar arrangements with employers recruited by the local Centers for Independent Living. In addition, ongoing support services will be provided as needed to facilitate the individual's transition to competitive employment, post-secondary education or vocational skills training.

Since this is a new effort, metrics will be built into the initial program design. Outcomes measures to be tracked will be straightforward and will include the

number of individuals who have at least a three month work experience, individuals who successfully obtain competitive employment or become enrolled in an on-the-job training program, and individuals who successfully enroll in postsecondary education or a vocational school.

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