

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: Florida Dream Center Boys Safe Home
2. Date of Submission: 01/04/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Chris Latvala, Ross Spano

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)	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	250,000	250,000

- 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: Geoffrey Rogers
- b. Organization: Florida Dream Center, Inc.
- c. Email: gmrogers@FloridaDreamCenter.org
- d. Phone #: (727)240-0734 Ext. 222

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Florida Dream Center, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Pasco
- 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.)

The Florida Dream Center Boys Safe Home is a program of the Florida Dream Center.

Florida Dream Center is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, providing a broad array of human services in our community. Our services include recovering and restoring sex trafficking survivors, feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, improving our community through Adopt-A-Block, addiction recovery, helping those imprisoned, and bringing other organizations and services in the community together for a common goal.

The Florida Dream Center Boys Safe Home will be a residential facility servicing CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) boy victims of sex trafficking and exploitation. We will serve both foreign and domestic minors.

The home will have five beds for male victims ages 10 to 17. Our safe home program will provide all fundamental needs (safety, shelter, clothing and food), emergency response (for when the boys are first uncovered by law enforcement), as well as cater to a wide array of educational, psychological, emotional and spiritual (optional) needs by means of individual therapy, group therapy and tutoring. Residents in the program will be able to stay as long as necessary, but preferably with a target of 6-9 months. We will work diligently with other resource providers so that our boys may graduate to a more long-term care program / facility that can still adequately cater to their needs. This is contingent upon the individual. This trauma-based care program has been modeled after a very successful residential program for girls in the state of Florida, Redefining Refuge.

All staff will undergo the most up-to-date training, and will continue to do so as new information is made available. Currently, the training will involve the Kristi House Curriculum, the Children's Advocacy Center, Darkness to Light program, as well as a host of other trainings made available via law enforcement, the Crisis

Center of Tampa Bay and DJJ.

National statistics identify that there are between 100,000 to 300,000 children trafficked for sex in America each year, with approximately 10% ? 15% of them being boys. While there are safe homes for girls open and operational in the State of Florida, there are currently no safe homes for boy victims of sex trafficking operational in Florida. The Florida Dream Center is therefore focusing on this urgent and critical need to address the boys in Florida with no safe home environment for their protection and recovery.

Funding Requested:

State Funds for the project are being requested in the amount of \$250,000 for a portion of total operational costs to start the program, and a portion of the first year of operations expenses. The Florida Dream Center will match 100% of funds provided by the State of Florida as part of this funding request.

The funding request includes \$150,000 to cover a portion of the operations expenses for the startup of the program which will fund staff salaries during the startup and the safe home State licensing process. Salaries include covering Six (6) months for our Executive Director (\$32,500) and Program Director (\$27,500), and covering Three (3) months for Direct Care Clinical Staff positions (\$44,000), a Senior Administrative/HR Professional, (\$9,000), a Home School Teacher (\$6,000), and an In-House Therapist (\$6,000), plus Administrative overhead (\$25,000).

The funding request also includes \$100,000 to cover 20% of projected operating expenses of the safe home during the first 12 months of operations after the home is open and boys are participating in the program.

The combination of the State of Florida funding plus the matching funds from the Florida Dream Center will fund all requirements for the Florida Dream Center to successfully open the doors of the boys safe home, projected to occur in late 2016, and will assist in the first 12 months of operations of the safe home.

As stated, the Florida Dream Center is committing to match 100% of the funds provided by the State of Florida. Specifically, the Florida Dream Center's \$250,000 matching funds will be used for the design, site development and construction of the safe home facility. Even more funding, however, is being provided by the Florida Dream Center to make this program a reality. For example, the Florida Dream Center has already purchased a 10 acre plot of land for the safe home. This, plus other program costs bring the Florida Dream Center's total funding commitment for the project to \$400,000.

Program Results and Benefits:

The Florida Dream Center Boys Safe Home program will safely house minor male victims of sex trafficking and exploitation in a secure location, and help them recover to become functioning, productive members of society. The level of trauma experienced by sex trafficking victims, especially minors, is extensive. They are in need of a highly specialized environment for their safety and care.

The fact that there are currently no safe homes for boy victims of sex trafficking in the State of Florida is a major disservice to those who are in need of placement, but have nowhere to go. The result is placement in facilities or the care of individuals who are not properly set up or trained to meet the needs of the victims. The first operational boys safe home in Florida will allow for the continual placement and recovery of boys in the state.

Who Will Benefit:

First and foremost, the boys who are victims of sex trafficking and exploitation will benefit from the Florida Dream Center's receipt of State funds for this program. With no current safe homes for boy victims of sex trafficking in the State, the boys are being placed in facilities that are inadequate to meet their needs. The State funds will allow for this safe home to open and be the first such facility in the State.

Additionally, the State of Florida will receive major benefit by providing this funding to the Florida Dream Center Boys Safe Home. The State will derive significant benefit due to having the first such safe home operational, and therefore a residential facility to place boys into. Florida's Department of Children and Families currently has no facilities of this kind to place these boys in, which will be alleviated when this safe home opens.

Moreover, it is expected that this boys safe home will be one of the very first boys safe homes for sex trafficking victims in the entire country. It is widely recognized throughout the United States that the State of Florida is leading the pack when it comes to so many areas of fighting human trafficking. By assisting in the funding to open one of the first boys safe homes in the nation, the State of Florida will advance even further its leadership position across the country.

The Florida Dream Center is also actively pursuing a University to conduct a research study to compare and contrast the service provision needs for boys versus those already being provided to girls. This research is anticipated to be highly sought after across the country given the new and increasing focus on male victims of sex trafficking. With this research and other experiences gained by operating one of the country's first boys safe homes, the Florida Dream Center will be able to share information about running such a residential facility and the differences of working with boys versus girls who have been victimized through sex trafficking. This benefit will reach far and wide across the country to so many other organizations, state agencies and individuals attempting to learn about boys to launch their own programs to help this population.

Measures of Performance / Success:

Performance measures/outcomes include placed children to be free of abuse and neglect at all times, have minimum elopement episodes, have no disruption in services (therapeutic, recreation and otherwise), as well as active participation in educational pursuits. Children in this Program are also provided a unique Treatment Plan by a trained and licensed clinician (based on their individual trauma) that includes specific Treatment Plan Goals. These goals are measured accordingly as children progress through the Program and are documented in monthly Progress Reports.

As already stated, our program is modeled after Redefining Refuge, a safe house concept that provides services to teenage girls between the ages of 12-17 who have been exploited by means of Sex Trafficking. This model has been successful and sustainable for approximately four years, and is required to both report and adhere to quarterly performance measures/outcomes as outlined by the State as well as the respective contract holder. Additionally, they are required to undergo an annual Program audit/evaluation each year; all of which they have exceeded the quality assurance expectations for each quarter and thus, annually. The Florida Dream Center Boys Safe Home will do the same.

As it pertains specifically to best practices/evidence based practices for the unique and underserved population to whom we are providing services; there are no such measures nationwide. The Florida Dream Center Boys Safe Home hopes to begin the dialogue for such practices and actively contribute real-time data accordingly.

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: 400,000

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

No