

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: PARC Project SEARCH Initiative
2. Date of Submission: 12/23/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Kathleen Peters

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? 2014-15
- 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.) | | | |
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| | 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 | 171,000 | 171,000 |

- 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: Karen Higgins
- b. Organization: PARC, Inc
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

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

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.)

Project SEARCH is a school-to-work internship program for students ages 18-22 with disabilities. At our first site, PARC has previously secured All Children's Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine, Florida Vocational Rehabilitation, and Pinellas County Schools to be a part of this opportunity. Students work with a team, including their family, a special education teacher, job coach, and a vocational rehabilitation counselor, to create employment goals that will help them transition from school to the workplace. Students participate in a three-week orientation followed by three 10-week internship rotations in three departments at the hospital, including Environmental Services, Food Services and Rehabilitation Services. Students begin their day with an hour-long class, spend up to five hours learning skills while on the job, then return to the classroom to reflect on their day, discuss challenges and evaluate progress.

Because of PARC's past success with this initiative at All Children's Hospital, it the organization's intention to participate at a second site in our community.

If approved the funds will be spent as follows: (1) \$53,000 will be allocated to continue the current Project SEARCH initiative that PARC has in place with Pinellas County Schools and All Children's Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine and which provides for two FTE job coaches; and (2) \$118,000 will be allocated to start a second site which will include a) \$53,000 for two FTE job coaches, b) \$15,000 for licensing/curriculum, and c) \$50,000 for a Pinellas County School Teacher's Salary. Total = \$171,000.

Twenty-four students with significant cognitive disabilities who have been identified by Pinellas County Schools will directly benefit from PARC's receipt of State funds, both from a financial perspective as well as a sense of accomplishment and contribution to society. The community, as a whole, benefits when more people are employed and are contributing financially.

Specific measures to document performance of PARC's Project SEARCH Initiative include: (1) student high school graduation rates, (2) completion throughout the school year of job rotations, and (3) attainment of competitive employment in the community.

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