

# The Florida House of Representatives

## Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2021-22

For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Oak Street Home II- Female Teen Delinquency Prevention Program
2. Date of Submission: 01/26/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Michael Caruso

#### 4. Details of Amount Requested:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2020-21
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2020-21 (If appropriated in 2020-21 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2021-22 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:		250,000	250,000		630,000	630,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2021-22 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	630,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	630,000	100%	

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

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Juvenile Justice

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

ChildNet is willing to work with the Legislature to identify a course of action that would satisfy the Legislature's mandate to be good stewards of the state's funds.

7. Requester:

a. Name: Larry Rein

b. Organization: ChildNet

c. Email: lrein@childnet.us

d. Phone #: (954)234-3592

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

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9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: Christopher T. Dawson

b. Firm: GrayRobinson PA

c. Email: chris.dawson@gray-robinson.com

d. Phone #: (407)843-8880

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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a. Name: ChildNet

b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Palm Beach

c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Palm Beach

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- ☐ For Profit
- ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

1. To provide a stable, supportive home-like placement. 2. Reduce negative behaviors such as delinquency, substance use, running away, truancy, defiance. This will result in fewer arrests and fewer Baker Acts. 3. To increase academic performance and work experiences.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		

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<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Costs related to providing residential care in a very small group home setting, where a subcontracted service provider will employ more experienced and qualified direct-care and therapeutic treatment staff. A designated staff member will not only work with the teens at home, but also transport and stay with them in school, then return with them and reinforce and maintain academic and behavioral interventions and gains from school.	630,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>630,000</b>

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- ☐ State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

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15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

The project has the fullest support from local Community Alliance members and child welfare stakeholders. Members of the judiciary, Legal Aid of the Palm Beaches, the Guardian Ad Litem program, the Department of Juvenile Justice, Children's Legal Services and local community activists all serve on an advisory board which meets monthly to receive updates on program progress and to address barriers.

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

The most challenging female teens will be provided residential care in a unique small group home setting with intensive staff-to-client ratios. A subcontracted service provider will employ more experienced and qualified direct-care and therapeutic treatment staff in the home. A designated staff member will form individual partnerships with local schools to maximize the girls educational outcomes.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

1) Address medical needs: ensure children attend all appointments. 2) Address mental health needs: ensure children attend therapy appointments and monitor psychotropic medications. 3) Ensure children participate in Independent Living activities and training. 4) Promote participation in extracurricular enrichment. 5) Increase academic performance: participation in school meetings and activities.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

☐ Elderly persons

☒ Persons with poor mental health

☐ Persons with poor physical health

☐ Jobless persons

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- ☐ Economically disadvantaged persons
- ☐ At-risk youth
- ☐ Homeless
- ☐ Developmentally disabled
- ☐ Physically disabled
- ☒ Drug users (in health services)
- ☐ Preschool students
- ☐ Grade school students
- ☒ High school students
- ☐ University/college students
- ☐ Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- ☒ Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- ☐ Victims of crime
- ☐ General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- ☒ < 25
- ☐ 25-50
- ☐ 51-100
- ☐ 101-200
- ☐ 201-400
- ☐ 401-800
- ☐ >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Reduced number of Baker Acts. Increased participation in mental health services. Improved mental health as measured by the Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scales in the individual teens being served during the 2021/22 fiscal year, as compared to before entering the group home.	Service provider incident reports which document every Baker Act. Measured by 100% of participants seeing a therapist. Measured by therapist administering the Children's Functional Assessment upon admission and at six-month intervals.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Increased school attendance and improved grades in the individual teens being served during the 2021/22 fiscal year, as compared to before entering the group home.	The method for measuring the level of benefit will be school attendance records and GPA.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Increased internships,	We will take an account of the

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	employment and job training in the individual teens being served during the 2021/22 fiscal year, as compared to before entering the group home.	number of jobs held and days working compared to before entering the group home.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Staff will be trained in substance abuse signs and symptoms, while the teens will be provided psycho-education regarding substance misuse on a quarterly basis during the 2021/22 fiscal year.	The method for measuring is 100% of children and staff will receive the education on a quarterly basis.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Measured by a decreased number of arrests/referrals to the department of juvenile justice for each of the teens being served during the 2021/22 fiscal year, as compared to before entering the group home	The method for measuring the program incident reports from provider and reports from Juvenile Justice Information System (DJJIS).
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		