

Statement about the Aging and Disability Resource Center's Request for Mandated Local Match

The Aging and Disability Resource Center is one of two Broward nonprofits, mandated by State and Federal Laws, to raise 10% of its funding locally. The other is the Regional Health Planning Council.

For the past 40 years, we have endeavored to raise these critically needed monies by determining the necessary match and asking each of Broward's municipalities and the county to budget funds to help meet the mandated match. We come to each city on behalf of the 26 projects funded by our nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

These monies help fund Meals-on-Wheels, Senior Daycare, Alzheimer's Services Transportation, Minor Home Repair and other programs designed to keep Older Browardians safe and secure in their accustomed environments.

Oakland Park graciously provided the Full Fair Share in requested match for 30 consecutive years. This cash match translated to 9 times the amount sought each year. In 2016, we asked for \$21,264 which Oakland Park budgeted. The amount was matched, in cash, by nine times the amount, or \$ 191,376. We provided Oakland Park with \$175,747 in services, in 2016 for the investment of \$21,264..

Assistance went to 105 unduplicated Oakland Park Residents. This year, no funds were approved in response to our request. Your entire social services funding was divided among five groups, none of which was senior oriented.

Tonight, we are seeking the Commission's benevolence toward appropriating the requested \$21,264. In return, your senior residents will receive a minimum of nine times that amount in help, or at least, \$191,376 in assistance.

A full report, about the services the Aging and Disability Resource Center provided to Oakland Park seniors, in 2016, along with the dollar value, was sent to Oakland Park's Commission and the City Manager. These data are compiled and sent annually.

Our Executive Director would welcome the opportunity to meet with your staff to discuss Fair Share. Thank you for your consideration on behalf of over 8,024 senior residents of Oakland Park. We look forward to receipt of your customary positive response.

Again, the amount requested is \$21,264.