

**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

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National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
Foster Care (P32)

**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: 4KIDS EPIC Therapeutic Approach: A Trauma-Informed Model  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000.00

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes X No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ Value of Match: \_\_\_\_\_ Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

4KIDS of South Florida is propelled by its mission of "Providing Hope for Kids in Crisis" by serving as an advocate for their emotional, physical and mental well-being. For 25 years, 4KIDS has provided hope, homes, and healing to over 30,000 vulnerable children removed from their homes due to abuse, abandonment, and neglect. Our work focuses on the overall well-being of children and families and ensures they have the tools to be independent and thrive. 4KIDS programming includes: Foster Family Recruitment, Licensing, & Support, Family-Style Residential Care, Transitional Independent Living (TIL2:25), His Caring Place (HCP) Moms Program, EPIC Therapeutic Approach (EPIC), and Care Portal. 4KIDS has been recognized by child welfare authorities as an exemplary model of care, setting the standard for local and national agencies. We hold multiple licenses and now work with over 500 businesses and community partners across our footprint.

**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

children in foster care are twice more likely to suffer from PTSD than a U.S. war veteran and tend to also suffer from depression and low self-esteem. Children in foster care are also 16 times more likely to have a psychiatric diagnosis and utilize psychiatric services eight times greater than their counterparts. This causes an array of educational, social, emotional, and mental health challenges that profoundly impact a child's future. In 2014, 4KIDS developed a model of therapeutic care that responds to the needs of foster, adoptive, and biological children while also empowering parents and program staff with the tools needed to create lasting change in their children's lives through trust-based care. EPIC is a client-centered therapeutic model which focuses on the Emotional (E), Physical (P), Intellectual (I), and Character (C) needs of children who have experienced trauma as a result of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. EPIC utilizes methods that assist children holistically and address root issues of attachment, social competency with peers, language, and self-regulation. These tools equip them to deal with stressors that cause deregulation, attachment disorders, anxiety, depression, help them overcome severe PTSD, and prevent mental health issues that can lead to suicide. EPIC is based on cutting edge, evidence-based research in the field of child development, as well as the Trust-Based Relational Intervention® Model (TBRI) developed by Texas Christian University's Institute of Child Development. 4KIDS holds a Certificate of License for the State of Florida, is a member of the Florida Coalition for Children, the Child Welfare League of America. We are recognized by child welfare authorities like ChildNet and community leaders like state representative Spencer Roach and First Lady Casey DeSantis who see our work as integral to the healing of children and families who have experienced trauma. Preventative at its core, EPIC paves the way for children and families to experience healing that is fundamentally systemic. By coming alongside families and facilitating the healing process through our trauma-informed therapeutic services, we are able to create an environment that allows for the transformational wholeness of entire communities, thus changing the statistical narrative of children within foster care and those who have experienced trauma. By educating the community, we can change lives through evidence-based modalities and provide the community with trauma-informed preventative solutions to mental health issues.

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

EPIC aims to see improvement in a child's wellbeing and a family's overall functioning and knowledge by providing holistic trauma-informed services that address the whole person. After a robust referral triage, clients are assigned a clinician who contacts the client/family within 24 hours to schedule an intake assessment. During the assessment, clients participate in a Biopsychosocial, along with several evidence-based assessment tools including: the Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale (CFARS) for children; Functional Assessment Rating Scale (FARS) for adults; the Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL); the Children's Hope Scale (CHS); the Adult Hope Scale (AHS), the CRAFT-Substance Use Screener. After a comprehensive intake assessment, clinicians collaborate with the client/families to create an individualized Master Treatment Plan using the Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely (SMART) model for developing goals and objectives. The therapy process is guided by evidence-based trauma-informed modalities, which include: Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®), designed to help clients who have endured complex trauma give and receive nurture, gain a sense of self through recognizing autonomy, and negotiate their needs appropriately. Research shows that play is the primary language for children. Play therapy techniques allow our clinicians to effectively engage clients while helping them overcome challenges through the development of empathetic connection, strengthening attachments, building resiliency, increasing coping and social skills, processing emotions and feelings, and gaining self-control. EMDR is incorporated into the EPIC therapeutic approach as a comprehensive psychotherapy that accelerates the treatment of a wide range of pathologies and self-esteem issues related to disturbing events and present life conditions. The Adaptive Information Processing model guides the process. With over 20 randomized controlled studies involving trauma patients, and hundreds of published case reports evaluating a considerable range of presenting complaints; including PTSD, depression, anxiety, phobias, excessive grief, somatic conditions and addictions, EMDR focuses on adaptively processing memories, which are the basis for the symptoms and dysfunction. All clients receive an individualized treatment plan and are assigned to clinicians trained in the various models mentioned above. Therapists can provide services in our fully equipped EPIC therapeutic spaces located in our Broward offices or, in certain cases, clients can also receive services in home, at school, and/or via a telemedicine platform. Since 2017, the EPIC Team of master's and doctorate level mental health practitioners have provided 34,500 hours of services to 1116 clients (one client represents the entire family). The clinical team is trained in delivering TBRI® interventions, as well as, multiple evidence-based models including EMDR, DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy), TF-CBT (Trust-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy), FirstPlay, and Client-Centered Play Therapy. Staff receive ongoing training in infant mental health, at risk behaviors, play therapy techniques and interventions, crisis intervention and suicide assessment, in addition to the evidence-based model trainings, attending at least eight hours of training monthly and receiving weekly individual and group supervision provided by experts in the field who are designated Qualified Supervisors by the State of Florida. EPIC partners with the Broward County Public Schools – Behavioral Health Partnership Committee operating as the referral source for the school program and maintains informal partnerships with the Severely Emotionally Disturbed Network (SEDNet), Chrysalis Health, Henderson Behavioral Health, and Center for Child Counseling's Child First Program. The EPIC Team is devoted to providing the most innovative and empirically-based services to this unique population.

#### 4. TARGET POPULATION

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

The 4KIDS EPIC program provides evidence based therapeutic services to children between the ages of 0-18 years old. Therapy services also extend to foster and adoptive caregivers, 4KIDS community partners, and other child-focused community agencies with resources to care for children who have suffered from abuse, abandonment, and neglect. Last fiscal year, the EPIC program provided over 10,845 therapy hours to 564 clients across the 4KIDS footprint which includes Broward, Palm Beach, the Treasure Coast, and Southwest Florida. EPIC therapy services are available to children and families regardless of their ability to pay. Last fiscal year, 68% percent of EPIC clients were fully insured with the remaining 32%, either uninsured or underinsured, receiving services pro bono. The economic level of clients falls into the following categories:

BELOW - \$5000 8.36%  
\$5000 - \$14999 3.56%  
\$15000 - \$34999 9.26%  
\$35000 - \$74999 33.27%  
\$75000 + 30.78%  
Not Reported 14.77%

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

EPIC trauma-informed therapy services are provided across the 4KIDS footprint, however this request would be applied to clients residing in Broward county. Last fiscal year, the 4KIDS EPIC program served a total of 469 clients in Broward county with 50 out of the 469 living within the Oakland Park boundary lines. If awarded, we would use funding to provide services to uninsured and under-insured clients within Broward county. Trauma-informed therapy services are typically delivered in one-hour sessions and the cost of a one-hour therapy session is \$100 for each session, with Medicaid and other insurances covering up to 1 hour of therapy per day, at a maximum of 26 hours for each client per year. Due to their unique needs, our clients may need extended therapy hours and/or additional therapy sessions that are not covered by Medicaid. 4KIDS provides services to clients regardless of their insurance coverage or ability to pay; we would use awarded funding to scholarship children not covered under Medicaid or in need of additional therapy hours. A grant award of \$10,000 would cover the cost of 100 therapy sessions for uninsured and under-insured clients living in Broward county.

#### 5. EVALUATION

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

4KIDS provides EPIC therapy services year-round and allows clients to start treatment at any point throughout the year. Upon completion of services, 90% of families will show at least a three-point improvement in their overall Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale (CFARS) which measures cognitive, social and role functioning in children, and Functional Assessment Rating Scale (FARS) which does the same for adults. In addition, 90% of families will show improved behavior as measured by the Discharge summary assessment of progress. Clients are paired with a master's level clinician at the start of services, and undergo pre-evaluations, utilizing evidence-based measurement tools within one month at the start of treatment. During treatment, clients are provided both individual and family services tailored specifically to the most appropriate level of care for the child. Reassessment occurs every six months. A final assessment is taken before discharge to note areas of improvement and/or consider possible areas of continued support. Outcomes are measured qualitatively and quantitatively using a combination of evidence-based instruments, such as bio-psychosocial assessments and scales, and through comparative analysis of pre and post assessments. Qualitative and quantitative data is reported monthly to the 4KIDS executive team. Quarterly, the Vice President of Clinical Services and the Director of Clinical Services report all program results to the 4KIDS Board of Directors and the Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI) Team. An annual report is available in the fall which summarizes the services, service types, methodology, and empirically-based and evidence-based outcomes. The latest annual outcome report demonstrated significant outcomes of the 4KIDS mental health services. Results showed statistically significant improvements in client outcomes based on the CFARS (Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale), CBCL (Achenbach Children Behavior Checklist) Externalizing Behaviors, CBCL Internalizing Behaviors, CBCL Total Problems, and completion of MTP (Master Treatment Plan) Goals for children ages 1.5-18. Although therapy with this population comes with unique challenges that have the potential to negatively impact the effectiveness of treatment, the evidence still shows significant improvement in functioning, externalizing behavior, internalizing behavior, and treatment goal completion.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this proposal and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Katelynn Velez**

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Name (Printed)

*Katelynn Velez*

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Signature

**Grant Specialist**

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Title

**10/28/2022**

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Date

**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

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Federal Identification Number: 59-1529419 DUNS: \_\_\_\_\_

National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)

P81- Senior Centers, Services

**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: 2023 Fair Share

Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? X Yes      No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- Grant Name: Older Americans Act & Community Care for the Elderly
- \$ Value of Match: \$100,000 Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): 1:9

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

The Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. plans, coordinates, funds, advocates, and provides needed services for Broward residents 60 years of age or older, and adults age 18 or older and diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and their caregivers. We are also the designated entry point for Statewide Medicaid Managed Care services for elders 60 years of age or older and qualifying adults with disabilities aged 18 and older. Our Helpline is certified to provide assistance and referrals to elders and their caregivers, and we have staff providing Medicare Counseling, assistance with SNAP benefit applications, Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP), Elder Abuse Awareness Training, and Evidence Based Health & Wellness classes.

- b. Explain the objectives of your project.

Our goal is to provide supportive services to elders and their caregivers which assist them in aging in place and avoiding premature institutionalization. Services provided through our agency's network help to assure that elders have nutritious food to eat through both home delivered and congregate meal programs, have senior centers and adult day care centers to attend, programs to participate in that focus on the health and wellbeing of participants, programs that provide in-home services including homemaking, personal care and respite care, and programs that provide minor home repairs and legal assistance.

The Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County endeavors to raise as much of the required match as possible that is needed to draw down the full allocation of funds available through the Older Americans Act and the Statewide Community Care for the Elderly Program. The total amount of required match is \$1,930,717.00

- c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

Funds requested will provide a portion of the required match dollars to allow us to draw down the full allocation of funds for the Older Americans Act and the Community Care for the Elderly Services Programs. Services are provided to address the needs of elders 60 years of age and older, both independent and frail, and their adult caregivers-if they have one, to remain in their home and avoid more costly premature institutionalization.

Elders needing assistance are screened for services and released to providers who evaluate the client and authorize the services needed. Services provided in the consumer's home include homemaking, personal care, respite services, emergency response units, home delivered meals, consumable medical supplies, case management, technology programs, caregiver stipends, minor home repairs, and telephone reassurance. Services provided at facilities include adult day care, in facility-respite, legal assistance, transportation, recreation, and counseling. Caregiver Training and Support, for both individuals and groups, and Evidenced based health & wellness classes are provided both virtually and in person to assist elders and their caregivers in making healthy lifestyle choices, in improving their balance - thus reducing their risk of falls, and living with chronic illnesses.

Our specialists also assist elders, both virtually and in person, in applying or reapplying for SNAP or Food Stamp Assistance, with applying for and receiving Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly benefits, and providing Medicare Counseling.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

In Oakland Park, the target population is residents, 60 years of age and older. The number of residents eligible for these services totals 8,427. In 2021, we served 226 residents of Oakland Park. Residents served were 54% female(122) and 46% male(104); 10.6% were age 60-64(24), 35.8% were age 65-74(81), 31.8% were 75-84(72), 19.9% were 85 and older(45), and 1.7% were under 60 (4); and 47.4% live alone(107), 23.9% live with someone(54) and 25.7% live with a caregiver(58).

In Broward County, the target population is the 462,249 elders 60 years of age and older living in Broward County with a focus on elders who are low-income, minority, limited English speaking, and those at risk of institutional placement. We also assist qualified adults with disabilities to apply for Medicaid Managed Long Term Care and adults with dementia and their caregivers.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Oakland Park residents to be served: 150+

Total Broward County residents to be served: 8,916

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

Each month all services provided are reported monthly by our staff and and each of our 23 funded services providers into the statewide Enterprise Client Information and Registration Tracking System(eCIRTS.) This system allows us to track the clients, the type of service, and the number of hours or units of service. Our funded service providers submit quarterly narrative reports regarding the outreach they have conducted letting the public know about the services available and how to access them. These reports are consolidated and reported annually to the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Our service providers conduct annual satisfaction surveys that are used to assure the quality of services being delivered.

We can provide the City of Oakland Park with a summary report of the services provided to the residents of Oakland Park quarterly on the 15th of the month following the close of each quarter, beginning in January of 2023.

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As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Charlotte Mather-Taylor**

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Name (Printed)

Charlotte Mather-Taylor

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Signature

**Chief Executive Officer**

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Title

**10/31/2022**

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Date



**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

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National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)

Animal Related Activities (D99) Human Services Multipurpose (P99)

**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: Canine Comfort

Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes X No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ Value of Match: \_\_\_\_\_ Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

Canine Assisted Therapy is a human services organization founded in August 2009 to provide therapeutic canine interactions to individuals in need. With more than 100 certified pet therapy teams (handler + dog), we serve more than 50,000 South Florida residents annually. The organization's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of children and adults by achieving specific cognitive, emotional, physical, and social goals through the use of certified therapy dogs.

b. Explain the objectives of your project.

Our objective is to provide pet therapy services to Veterans, hospital patients, trauma victims, first responders, isolated seniors, preschool children, children with special needs, children struggling with reading skills, and victims of trauma and abuse.

This project will help improve the mental health and wellbeing of the community and reduce the likelihood of developing PTSD by providing therapeutic interactions to survivors of trauma or crisis, those battling mental health disorders, and children or adults with behavioral or developmental disabilities.

Investing in the wellbeing of Broward residents benefits us all. There is a high demand for our canine superheroes and the demand in South Florida is increasing. We maintain a lengthy waiting list. More teams are needed to meet this demand and by expanding our program we will be able to better serve the need in our community. Our objective is to also certify 5 new pet therapy teams (handler + dog) in the coming year.

c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

Canine Assisted Therapy will provide pet therapy for at-risk populations including needy students, orphans, children in hospitals, elderly in nursing homes, hospital patients, substance abuse patients, mental health patients, youth in shelters, and victims of trauma.

The therapy dogs will visit nursing homes, dementia care centers, group foster homes, youth homeless shelters, schools, courthouses hospitals and many other facilities providing one-on-one or small group therapeutic interactions in a safe and controlled environment. Activities performed during visits include petting, brushing, walking, engaging in conversation, and cuddling with the canine.

In hospitals the dogs go from bed-to-bed becoming an integral part of the healing process. The dogs deliver smiles and immediate comfort reminding children of pets back home and life apart from needles, medicines, and therapy.

Our office in Oakland Park will also act as a facility for therapy dog interactions. Local residents, abuse victims, and others can make an appointment through the abuse victims advocate to interact with a therapy dog.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

Target population will be individuals in need including, isolated seniors, hospital patients, pediatric oncology patients, students struggling with reading skills, adults and youth in mental health treatment and substance abuse facilities, trauma victims, youth in foster care facilities, youth in homeless shelters, college students, individuals in bereavement, and many others.

In addition to providing regular pet therapy to facilities we will also be offering stress relief breaks to area businesses to improve employee morale and improve company retention in our City. This program is called Paws to De-Stress and targets high stress industries.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

1,000 Oakland Park residents will be served. Also served will be Wilton Manors (1,500) and Pompano Beach (1,500).

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

5 new therapy dogs will be certified. They will first go through Orientation, pass the Canine Good Citizen test, and then must pass the therapy dog evaluation.

500 hours of pet therapy will be provided. All of this will be tracked using software systems. The hours and facilities visited will be tracked by Track it Forward. The Orientation and evaluation information will be tracked using Neon, a volunteer database which houses the dog's vaccine information and other pertinent information.

Results are also measured based on frequency of requests we receive and the number of therapy hours in the field.

Outcomes are tracked by the number of orientation participants, pass rate of therapy dogs, and the number of teams certified and insured and placed in the field. Also tracked is the number of new facilities served and the number of participants receiving pet therapy.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

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As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Monica Wesolowski**

Name (Printed)

*Monica Wesolowski*

Signature

**Executive Director**

Title

*10/24/22*

Date

## 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
Center to Support Independent of Specific Populations (P80)

## 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: Housing Assistance Program

Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? X Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: Broward County
- Grant Name: Broward County State Housing Initiative Partnerships Funding
- \$ Value of Match: \$126,527 Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): 1:12

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

## 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

- a. Briefly describe your organization.

Mission: To offer assistance to people with disabilities in fulfilling their goals of independence and self-sufficiency.

The Center for Independent Living of Broward (CILB), is a South Florida 501(c)(3) nonprofit helping people with disabilities of all ages fulfill their goals of independence and self-sufficiency. CILB's service provision stems from the Independent Living Philosophy which empowers people with disabilities to choose their goals, take responsibility for their actions and results. People with disabilities have the right to make their own choices and decisions and the right to make mistakes and learn/benefit from those mistakes. This helps foster independence and helps people with disabilities learn how to develop networks and supports, promote self-reliance, and advocate for the inclusion and integration of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

Since 1991, CILB has aided consumers with housing with the use of federal dollars funneled through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special

Education and Rehabilitation Services (ED/OSERS) Title VII Part C for Independent Living Services Grant. Additionally, the organization offers consumers services with state funding from the Florida Department of Education's, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. In total, CILB provides consumer services with an annual operating budget over \$2.5 million. CILB provides housing assistance to consumers through funds received from federal, state, and local resources.

The Center for Independent Living of Broward is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors that is comprised of 51% or more of persons with disabilities who are community leaders. The Board of Directors provides strategic direction in partnership with the Executive Director to carry out the Center's mission and goals.

**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

Through the Housing Assistance Program, Oakland Park residents will learn about housing options within their limited income, realize maximum accessibility within their occupied homes, fully integrate within their local community and throughout Broward County, and maintain skills and natural supports to sustain their way of life.

**Objective 1:** Educate 20 consumers about housing options within their income limits.

**Objective 2:** Inform 20 consumers about personal resource management and its impact on their housing preferences and choices

**Objective 3:** Educate 20 consumers about their rights pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, ADA, and Florida landlord/tenant law.

**Objective 4:** Increase 20 consumers knowledge in home accessibility options necessary to improve their health and safety

**Objective 5:** Aid 20 consumers identify personal supports necessary to obtain and maintain housing including those falling into the homeless category.

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

Generous funding from the City of Oakland Park in the amount of \$10,000 will provide up to 20 Oakland Park residents, with disabilities, free assistance on how to connect with community resources to obtain affordable housing and with independent living skills training and support through CILB's Housing Assistance Program (HAP). The program increases affordable and accessible housing opportunities for consumers with disabilities and who have limited social and financial resources.

CILB conducts a needs assessment with each consumer to determine their immediate and long-term housing needs and barriers, as well as identify supplemental supports necessary to sustain an independent way of life.

City of Oakland Park residents with disabilities are introduced to HAP through the CILB Housing Orientation. Residents complete an individual assessment which solicits responses about their needs related to their disability, personal needs, and housing requirements. The Orientation commences the CILB intake process where eligible residents take part in an informational seminar that covers personal resource management, financial literacy, roommate arrangements, rental agreements, renter rights and

responsibilities, and accessibility features. Residents will work with CILB staff to determine their personal need for one or more of the following services or programs:

- Independent living skills training
- Youth and Nursing Home Transitions
- Peer counseling
- Advocacy
- Information and referrals to community agencies
- Employment counseling
- Assistive technology and equipment.

After discussing the things preventing them from being truly independent, consumers and staff create develop a plan to overcome them. The Center provides a variety of resources to help people with disabilities achieve their goals including:

- Peer counseling
- Workshops and classes (virtual and in-person)
- Self-Advocacy
- Information and referral
- Employment counseling
- Assistive technology
- Durable and medical equipment

CILB will link eligible Oakland Park residents to area realtors and property managers aware of affordable and accessible homes for rent. Residents will receive information on rental properties, both public and private, to provide them options ranging from one to two-bedroom properties to rooms for rent. CILB staff will work with residents to identify their roommate preferences based on factors such as cost-sharing of utilities or use of common places.

Finally, as necessary, residents will work with an Independent Living Specialist to create goals that will further their autonomy by providing workshops and one-on-one coaching on topics such as:

- Life skills and personal enhancement
- Barriers to employment and how to overcome them
- Subsidized income, and ways to maximize monthly income.

As a component of this project, residents receive peer support, unique one-on-one counseling between a resident with a disability and a staff member with a disability. Peer support gives residents an additional source of motivation and confidence in making positive changes.

After completing the program consumers receive three months of follow-up counselling to ensure their continued success.

CILB partners with several other nonprofit and governmental agencies in the community including the Housing Authorities for Broward County, and the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, and Pompano Beach. Volunteer Florida, Morningday Solutions, Hope, Inc., CareerSource Broward, Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Elder Affairs. Local general contractors, hospitals, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers help to identify persons with disabilities in need of a home so they can live independently and integrate back into the community.

**CIL Broward has been providing housing programs including affordability, fair housing, and ADA accessibility/barrier removal to consumers since 1997.** The Housing Affordability Program collaborates with local government and nonprofit agencies to expose consumers with disabilities to resources essential for self-sufficiency. Clients learn how to build advocacy skills, maximize their supports to transition to and maintain living independently. The community outreach efforts help educate Oakland Park landlords, realtors, and other businesses to learn how they can be a part of the solution and increase affordable housing and employment options for people living with disabilities regardless of income. The Housing and Employment Assistance Project exists under Bob Davis's management, the organization's Housing Director. Since 2004, he has overseen the completion of many CDBG and SHIP projects administered by Broward County and the cities of Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, and Pompano Beach.

In recent years, Mr. Davis has helped expand the program and serve more individuals thanks to grants from the cities of Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Pompano Beach, and Christopher and Dana Reeves and Craig H. Nielsen Foundations.

Senior Housing Specialist, and Realtor, Kimalee “Kim” Edwards is responsible for interviewing consumers to determine their initial eligibility for HAP and discuss their desires to attain personal goals related to their independence. Ms. Edwards will serve as the contact point for consumers and works with the Director of Housing to follow consumers while working on their independent living goals.

**CIL Broward has thirty years of history delivering employment programs to the disability community.** CILB is proud to provide the tools, skills, and collaborations necessary to consistently support the programs and services needed to demonstrate improved employment outcomes for over 500 English and Spanish speaking individuals with disabilities each year. Several evidence-based employment programs are offered to adults and students with disabilities, including Ticket to Work, High School High Tech, and Project Search. Additionally, workshops on resume writing, career exploration, job searching, interviewing, and other skills necessary to gain and maintain employment are offered regularly in multiple languages.

CILB takes great pride in the work it has done educating private employers about the benefits of and dispelling the myths behind hiring this underrepresented population. Outreach in the business community, including working with local Chambers of Commerce and through active participation in Atlantic Technical College's Career Placement Advisory by educating employers and community partners about inclusive hiring practices and how they can be a part of the solution to help increase opportunities for this underemployed population.

Information and Referral Specialists will interview clients to determine their eligibility for the program and to schedule housing and employment assessments. These staff members work directly with consumers in the program to help them achieve their personal goals, referrals to outside agencies, provide benefits counselling, as well to provide the consumer comfort through peer support and coaching.

Overall supervision of programs is conducted by Brian Johnson, Chief Program Officer. Mr. Johnson has served as an advocate for people with disabilities for over twenty years. His professional career has included the administration of federal grant dollars and oversight of federal programs supported by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitative Services Administration (RSA), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).



Executive Director Corey Hinds, MPA, leads the Center for Independence of Broward. His career in public service for Disability Rights and Advocacy includes work on the Governor's Florida Rehabilitation Council (FRC) and advocacy for changes in procedures and policies implemented by the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Mr. Hinds currently serves as a member of the Broward County Affordable Housing Advisory Board, Broward Nonprofit Executive Alliance, Atlantic Technical College's Career Placement Advisory, the Coral Springs Coconut Creek Regional Chamber of Commerce, and is a graduate of Leadership Broward. He has served on the Broward Business Leadership Network (BBLN) and Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce for Persons with Disabilities. Additionally, Mr. Hinds is the recipient of the Hyatt Hotel's 2010 Disability Champion Award, Dole Award from the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

The Center for Independent Living of Broward serves over 4,000 people with disabilities annually. CILB strives to enhance the lives of people with disabilities, regardless of age, in Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties. The organization has found the need for affordable and accessible housing remains the most prevalent issue for consumers with disabilities today. Most of these consumers fall into the very-low and low-income categories and lack financial resources to obtain affordable housing.

Causes of low-income are well documented from many sources that include: government, education and commerce. Persons who are elderly and or disabled are more vulnerable to safety issues and as a result many individuals are placed in nursing homes unnecessarily due to their inability to navigate in their home. Persons that are elderly and those with disabilities often do not have resources to obtain and or install assistive devices or home modifications that would increase their independence and self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life. Often, but equally important, consumers with disabilities are gravely unaware of their rights when faced with violations of the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Florida landlord/tenant law, or other local law as appropriate.

According to the American Housing Survey (AHS) Worst Case Needs of People with Disabilities Supplemental Report, two out of three renters with disabilities have very low incomes, are more apt to pay more than half their income toward rent, reside in inadequate or overcrowded housing, and face additional housing barriers (U.S. HUD, Office of Policy Research and Development, 2017). Renters with disabilities pay twice as much in rent than renters without disabilities and pay a large portion of their fixed incomes for rent excluding utilities (U.S. HUD, 2017). Inadequate or overcrowded homes correlate to rental units either inaccessible or populated by too many people which lead largely to the need for safe housing for individuals with disabilities (U.S. HUD, 2017). Individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities needing assistance with activities of daily living (ADL's) have the most prevalent limitations in housing needs and availability. Despite the disparities, a large number of renters with disabilities receive public housing assistance. Yet, renters still encounter burdens in the form of discrimination in terms of available units and units that meet the accessibility features necessary for their complete independence (U.S. HUD, 2017).

In total, CIL Broward provides consumer services with an annual operating budget of over \$2.5 million dollars, and is the only agency in Broward County to offer affordable housing coordination and independent living skills for persons with all disabilities.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

CILB estimates 20 Oakland Park residents will be served through the Housing Assistance Program.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

The Center for Independent Living of Broward performs written pre and post evaluations (assessments) for the purposes of measuring outcomes and evaluating services delivered.

Outcomes are measured against client needs and requests (original assessment) with the overall goal of independent living for the client, including obtaining affordable housing, safety, mobility and accessibility. As goals and objectives are met, appropriate record notations are made and compared.

Post evaluations include on-site follow up with staff and the Housing Director. Program outcomes will be submitted as individual services are delivered.

**Outcome 1:** 90% of consumers who complete the program will report having an increase in knowledge in how to locate traditional and nontraditional housing within their income limits.

**Outcome 2:** 90% of consumers who complete the program will understand personal resource management and its impact on their housing preferences and choices.

**Outcome 3:** 90% of consumers who complete the program will know and understand their rights pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, ADA, and Florida landlord/tenant laws.

**Outcome 4:** 90% of consumers who complete the program will have increased knowledge in home accessibility options necessary to improve their health and safety, while providing assistive technology and medical equipment when and if necessary.

**Outcome 5:** 90% of consumers who complete the program will have the personal supports necessary to obtain and maintain housing including those falling into the homeless category.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this proposal and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

Corey Hinds

Name (Printed)

*Corey Hinds*

Signature

Executive Director/CEO

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Title

October 28, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: Covenant House Florida  
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Federal Identification Number: 59-2323607 DUNS: 131788929  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
Temporary Housing (L40), Homeless Shelter (L41)

### 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: Shelter for Oakland Park Youth Experiencing Homelessness  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: US Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Grant Name: Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- \$ Value of Match: \$10,000 Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): 1:2

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

### 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

#### a. Briefly describe your organization.

Covenant House Florida (CHF) is dedicated to serving all youth with absolute respect and unconditional love, to help youth experiencing homelessness, and to protect and safeguard all youth in need. CHF's mission is based on the belief that all children and youth have a right to love, respect, and a genuine concern. Its vision is to serve all youth experiencing homelessness by providing them with safe haven. CHF's overarching goal is to lead holistic change to prevent and eliminate hunger, poverty, and homelessness among youth in the communities it serves. In any given year, as many as 1,000 youth ages 18 to 22 experiencing homelessness have sought help at CHF's Emergency Shelter in Fort Lauderdale. CHF works with each individual to develop a plan toward a stable living situation by helping them to become self-sufficient and live independently. CHF also collaborates with community agencies and organizations to help youth access services, participates in community efforts to improve the conditions of families and children and advocates on behalf of vulnerable youth to raise awareness in the community.

b. Explain the objectives of your project.

The objective of the Emergency Shelter For Oakland Park Youth Experiencing Homelessness program is to provide emergency shelter and supportive services to a minimum of five (5) youth whose last known address is within the City of Oakland Park. Funds from the City of Oakland Park Aid to Non-Profits grant will provide Oakland Park youth experiencing homelessness with 180 days of care with the average length of stay at approximately 36 days. Services include the full range of food, safe housing and supportive services offered by CHF. The project will enable Oakland Park youth experiencing homelessness to stabilize from crisis situations, create a plan for independent living and exit to a safe, stable living environment.

c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

The purpose of the CHF's emergency shelter program is to provide Oakland Park youth with a safe haven from the vulnerabilities of homelessness. CHF provides safe housing, food and supportive services so that youth can transition from homelessness to permanent housing solutions. CHF's Emergency Shelter program is guided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Unaccompanied Youth Intervention Model. Through the use of evidenced-based screening and assessment tools, youth's risk and protective factors are identified along with goals, strengths and barriers to establish individualized treatment plans that progress towards identified goals. To implement treatment plan objectives, CHF uses a variety of evidence-based, culturally-appropriate approaches which include Motivational Interviewing, Positive Youth Development, Stages of Change, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Trauma Informed CBT, Solution Focused Therapy and the Transition to Independence Process model. Treatment plans are updated on a weekly basis as goals are attained and next level objectives are identified. All services are provided to youth experiencing homelessness at CHF's emergency shelter located at 733 Breakers Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. The property consists of three (3) buildings: two (2) two-story buildings and one (1) four story building. The total square footage of all three buildings totals 34,826. Youth reside in dormitory style bedrooms with private lockers and full bath in one of two separate areas: (1) youth identifying as female ages 18-22 (including mothers with children) and (2) youth identifying as male ages 18-22.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

The targeted population served by CHF's Fort Lauderdale shelter are youth ages 18-22, including mothers with children, experiencing homelessness in communities throughout South Florida. This project will focus on the needs of youth experiencing homelessness from the City of Oakland Park. CHF provides safe space services to all demographic populations regardless of race, gender identity, sexual identity, religious or cultural beliefs. During FY22, 70% of the youth served by CHF listed Broward County as their last known residence, while 12% listed Miami-Dade County and 7% listing Palm Beach County. The remaining youth came from other counties in Florida (6%) or other states (5%). The population served by CHF's emergency shelter is considered extremely low-income and below the federal poverty limit.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Funds from this grant will be used to provide emergency shelter and supportive services to a minimum of five (5) youth from the City of Oakland Park. Through CHF's open intake policy, all youth ages 18-22 are eligible for services regardless of their place of origin. FY 22 service data shows the primary demand for services source from jurisdictions within Broward County (70%) followed by Miami-Dade (12%) and Palm Beach Counties (7%). In FY22, CHF's Fort Lauderdale Emergency Shelter served as a safe haven for 662 youth experiencing homelessness (479 residential, 183 drop-in/non-residential), for a total of 24,946 nights of shelter for youth in crisis.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

Activities: Admit at least five (5) Oakland Park youth into CHF's emergency shelter and complete intake screening and assessments within 7-10 days of admittance.

Objective: At minimum, 80% of youth from Oakland Park admitted will complete the assessment phase and develop an individualized treatment plan to adopt the skills and resources to exit CHF to a stable housing situation.

Evaluation: City of origin is collected through CHF's intake assessment and entered into CHF's Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) client database. Screening and assessment results along with individualized treatment plan components are also entered into ETO as youth progress through the program. Case managers monitor youth's progress with the assessment phase and document progress in the client record. Program supervisors, case managers and clinical services staff review youth in the assessment phase on a daily basis and monitor length of time on assessment. Treatment plan development needs are also monitored and scheduled on a daily basis. Success indicators related to time on assessment, date of treatment plan development, life skills attainment and program exit destinations for Oakland Park youth are readily available through ETO reporting features and will be monitored on a monthly basis by program leadership and administrative staff. Reports on project progress/results will be submitted to the City of Oakland Park according to the reporting schedule and report format requested by the City.

**6. CERTIFICATION**

If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this proposal and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Renee' Trincanello**

Name (Printed)

Signature

**Chief Executive Officer**

Title

Date

10/25/22



**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

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Federal Identification Number: 65-1060848 DUNS: 12-296-2165  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
B-12 Fund Raising & Distribution, B-21 Preschools, and P-33 Child Day Care

**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: School Readiness Child Care Match Program  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: Florida Dept of Education- Division of Early Learning
- Grant Name: School Readiness Match
- \$ Value of Match: 10,000 Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): 1:1

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

For over twenty years, the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County (ELC) has helped families to access early childhood education. ELC is a non-profit organization chosen by the State of Florida to coordinate all publicly-funded early child care and education programs in our community. Our mission is to lead and support the early learning community to deliver high quality experiences for young children and their families. We provide School Readiness childcare subsidies to eligible economically disadvantaged families, primarily from birth to school age (zero to five), but also after-school for older children in foster care or the child welfare system.

- b. Explain the objectives of your project.

The goal of the School Readiness Child Care Match program is to allow parents and guardians who are working and/or attending school to access affordable child care at a licensed facility of their choice. This program is essential to the economically disadvantaged working families in the City of Oakland Park. The ELC aims to continue to deliver safe and quality early child care and education for low income residents of Oakland Park and use matching funds to enroll new children and families for services.

The Local Match from Broward County's municipalities enables the ELC to provide expanded services. Accessing the Federal and State funding allocated to the ELC for these services require a Local Match, obtained through annual grant allocations from local cities. Funds from the City of Oakland Park will ensure that their eligible residents can continue to receive these critical childcare services.

- c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

This award will be used as match funding to reimburse child care centers and child care home facilities that provide care to low income children and families in the City of Oakland Park who are eligible to receive child care subsidies. This program provides reimbursement, based on child attendance and parent eligibility, directly to the child care provider.

ELC services in conjunction with our child care centers to prepare young children for kindergarten, provide quality child care for working parents, ensure inclusion programming for children with special needs, and provide early developmental screening so that children receive the supports they need. Child care services are provided on a year round, full-day basis for preschool aged children, and afternoon care and summer programming for school-aged children in 12 centers across Oakland Park or for families living in Oakland Park in a center of their choice, which may be more convenient to their work or school.

This collaborative effort also supports the childcare business community which, in turn, provides economic support to the City of Oakland Park and to Broward County as a whole. Investment in quality early child care and education provides the foundation for all children to succeed in school.

#### 4. TARGET POPULATION

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

The target population is young children of Oakland Park residents with low and moderate income with the highest needs for subsidized child care or those earning under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level which amounts to a single parent earning under \$34,840 or a family of four earning \$52,000 or less. This category has been identified by the United Way of Florida as the ALICE population (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). The ALICE population represents those among us who are working, but due to child care costs, transportation challenges, high cost of living are living paycheck to paycheck and may be under-employed.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Of the more than 15,000 children who received ELC subsidized childcare services in Broward County in the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year over 379 children were served in the City of Oakland Park with a financial subsidy for School Readiness. There were 12 childcare centers operating in the city and receiving ELC subsidy payments totaling almost \$1.4 million and contributing to the local economy. The ENTIRE amount of the City's contribution will be used as match funding towards serving ONLY Oakland Park residents with no administrative or any other costs or charges.

#### 5. EVALUATION

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

The ELC conducts programmatic and fiscal monitoring to ensure compliance with State and local requirements. Weekly and monthly review of client and service data, monthly analysis of child attendance and billing, annual site visits and verification of County licensing status help ensure optimal program operations. The State Office of Early Learning monitors and evaluates overall ELC program and fiscal compliance, ensures that provider payments are made in a timely manner, and that the ELC adheres to all applicable regulatory requirements.

In addition, and through separate funding source, in cooperation with the Division of Early Learning (DEL) the ELC conducts classroom evaluations of teacher-student interactions for school readiness providers serving children from birth through kindergarten (age). The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) measures teaching behaviors and child interactions that foster positive academic and social outcomes. Child care providers must meet a minimum quality threshold CLASS score to remain contracted with ELC while those performing above scores are also eligible for bonus payments. In this way, the ELC fosters and rewards ongoing quality in classroom instruction.

Results are reported to DEL and also shared with the Oakland Park School Advisory Board and the City Commission for comparison to performance with regards to Broward County and the State of Florida.

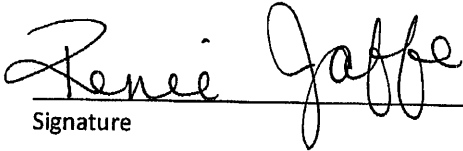
**6. CERTIFICATION**

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As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Renee Jaffe**

Name (Printed)



Signature

**Chief Executive Officer**

Title

10/24/22

Date

**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

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Federal Identification Number: 59-1487190 DUNS: 040994006  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)

**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: Not Applicable
- Grant Name: Not Applicable
- \$ Value of Match: N/A Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): N/A

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

In 1971, Family Central, Inc. (FCI) began as an organization to assist working poor families in need of subsidized childcare. Nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation and certified by the International Association of Continuing Education and Training, FCI has grown into an agency serving over 18,000 in South Florida annually through Educational Training, Family Strengthening, Early Learning Initiatives, and the Federal Childcare Food Program. Our purpose is to build high-quality environments within the community, at home and in childcare facilities that enhance adult skills to provide maximum potential for children. FCI is committed to continuing its mission to strengthen relationships and create communities where children and families flourish, with the vision for all children to have the capacity to realize their dreams. FCI creates safe, enriching early learning environments so that children succeed in school and in life. Helping parents advocate for, and actively engage in their child's life, is integral to FCI's mission and purpose.

**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) is a 20-week family civics initiative that partners with and engages families with civic skills, knowledge, and opportunities to be leading advocates for children at home, in schools, and in their communities. Parent leadership is defined as "the capacity for parents to interact within society with purpose and positive outcomes for children."

PLTI enables parents to become leading advocates for children. Parents typically lack advocacy skills, but not the motivation or will to change their children's lives. PLTI teaches parents who wish to improve the lifelong health, safety and learning of children how to become practiced change agents for the next generation.

The focus of PLTI is to build community through education and civic engagement using a two-pronged approach. The first is to educate parents and give them the skills and tools needed to become effective advocates for their children and families. PLTI teaches parents how to bridge the critical gap between parental desire to effect change, and their civic capacity to actually make a change that makes a difference. They learn about the tenets of democracy and their rights in the civic process. They are educated to understand that community matters; relationships are basic to change; and they can have a pivotal role as leaders in child and family policies and democracy. The second is to support participants in designing their own individual project, using their leadership skills in policies and practices that support change for children within their schools and their community.

This civic initiative is a national model geared towards breaking down barriers and empowering individuals to make positive change within their communities. It is a free program offered to 25-30 participants in Broward County. Participants are screened and selected based on their availability and readiness to become effective change agents on behalf of children, youth and families. Previous PLTI classes have included a cross-section of people comprised of young adults, grandparents, teen parents, single parents, couples, and those with and without community leadership or civic engagement experience. Selected participants will come together in a multidisciplinary, cross-cultural setting that encourages community peers to advocate for changes that address the learning needs of young children, build their capacity as leaders and facilitate system change with participation in policy, legislative, and process decisions.

PLTI is an evidence-based curriculum which offers an intensive 20-week training program that engages potential parent leaders and is designed to cross cultural and socio-economic barriers. The curriculum also has a two-generation strategy using interactive learning, play time, and children's literature to teach parallel content to the children of the adults in training. This creates a full family civic approach, bolstering parental involvement while promoting the lifelong health, safety and learning of children.

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

The PLTI program will utilize the requested funds from the City of Oakland Park to support and reduce cross-cultural, socio-economic barriers. The requested funds will help PLTI participants develop supportive communities of peers to advocate for changes that address the learning needs of their children, build their capacity as leaders, and facilitate system change with participation in policy, legislative, and process decisions. If awarded the requested funds from the City of Oakland Park, the program will benefit the residents by having PLTI facilitators work closely with parents to guide their growth and provide concrete and emotional support, when challenges are faced while developing leadership skills. Residents of Oakland Park will receive free resources and materials, instructional support for creating individual community projects, and access to 2 dozen children's books to distribute or use within the community.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

The targeted population is a diverse group of people with different parenting and cultural beliefs and styles. The population of participants will consist of Broward county citizens from various backgrounds. Our previous year's cohort consisted of 28.7 percent black, 24% white, 43.6% Hispanic/Latino and 3.7% multiracial (non-Hispanic).

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Currently, FCI serves approximately 158 children and families living in the City of Oakland Park. The PLTI model will look to serve between 4 to 6 parent leaders with an average of 2 children living or working in the City of Oakland Park.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

PLTI is an evidence-based curriculum which helps parents become leaders for their children and community. PLTI's five phases of training are measured and built on interactive adult learning practices. A pre- & post survey is administered to every cohort of parent leaders and an evaluation is completed by all participants at each session.

1. 90% of participants will develop a community-based project with policies, legislative changes or program processes proposed.
2. 90% of participants will demonstrate leadership skills based on assessments and self-surveys.
3. 80% of participants will indicate a connection to parents/professionals who are committed to improving the lives of children in the community.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

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As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

Wendy Salomon

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Name (Printed)

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Signature

Chief Operating Officer

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Title

October 28, 2022

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Date



### 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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Federal Identification Number: 65-0342192 DUNS: 967702838

National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)

K30 Food Service, Free Food Distribution Programs

### 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: Addressing Food Insecurity in Oakland Park

Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ Value of Match: \_\_\_\_\_ Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

### 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

a. Briefly describe your organization.

Farm Share's mission is to alleviate hunger and fight poverty by recovering and distributing healthy and nutritious fruits, vegetables, proteins and other non-perishable food to families, children, seniors and individuals in need. Farm Share, through its partnership with farmers across the state of Florida and the United States, acquires under-utilized fruits, vegetables and other foods and provides them to persons in need free of charge. Farm Share also acquires non-perishable food, proteins and other foods from retailers, wholesalers, brokers, other not for profits and USDA to supplement the healthy and nutritious produce acquired from its partnering farmers.

As the state's largest independent food bank, we have distributed more than 915 million pounds of food and produced 762 million meals for Florida's hard-working families since our founding in 1991. Farm Share is proud to serve residents of Oakland Park, where we operate one of our warehouses and are supported by the USDA to distribute food and address food insecurity. We sincerely appreciate the community's ongoing support of our vital work in Oakland Park and throughout the state of Florida.

**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

**Farm Share, Inc. will utilize the requested funding to cover the costs associated with collecting, transporting, and distributing healthy and nutritious food products to Oakland Park residents who are food insecure. We will assess conditions faced by local residents and implement the most effective interventions, which could include food distribution events, food transportation, and the provision of up to 83,000 pounds of food to food-insecure residents of the city. Farm Share will also assist our local food pantries, soup kitchens, and feeding organizations with the acquisition of food products to help feed the local communities.**

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

**This project will be implemented based on our assessment of the needs facing Oakland Park residents. We will work with our local food pantries, churches, schools and other nonprofits throughout Oakland Park to effectively connect with residents in need. The most effective methods to carry out our work vary based on the community and residents' unique financial needs, and we will ensure that the methods used to carry out the project are well-suited to get the most food to the neediest families. This will include direct provision of food for \$.12 per pound, for roughly 83,000 pounds of food. This would equate to approximately 69,100 meals delivered free of charge to Oakland Park residents. Because of Farm Share's buying power, we are able to provide food directly to residents at a fraction of the consumer cost, which averages \$1.50 - \$3.00 per pound. Farm Share is able to achieve such substantial distribution targets because of the scale and efficiency of our approach.**

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

This project will serve Oakland Park residents who are experiencing food insecurity and are in need of assistance. As a USDA-funded agency operating a warehouse in Oakland Park, Farm Share serves residents across all demographic categories in times of great need. We recognize that food insecurity is a profound issue in the community; 210,540 people in Broward County are experiencing hunger, including 79,620 children. The share of this population living in Oakland Park would be our primary demographic.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

This grant will allow us to distribute an equivalent of 69,100 meals; the exact number of residents served will depend on the amount of food needed by each resident.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

Depending on the final methods selected for food distribution, we will track the following quantitative measurements:

**\*Food distribution events conducted:** This will include a tracking of events along with the number of attendees, community partners engaged, and the amount of food distributed.

**\*Amount of food distributed:** The total amount of food (in pounds) distributed to residents of Oakland Park.

These pieces of information are tracked as part of our ongoing program evaluation process.

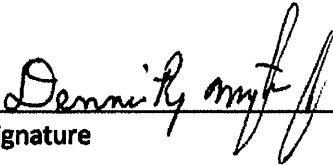
**6. CERTIFICATION**

If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this proposal and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Dennis Maytan**

Name (Printed)



Signature

**COO**

Title

**10/24/2022**

Date

### 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: Feeding South Florida  
Address: 2501 SW 32 Terrace, Pembroke Park, FL 33023  
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Telephone: 954-518-1818 Email: grants@feedingsouthflorida.org  
Federal Identification Number: 59-2097520 DUNS: 135766145  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
Food Banks and Pantries, K31

### 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: Mobile Food Pantry  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: n/a
- Grant Name: n/a
- \$ Value of Match: n/a Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): n/a

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

### 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

a. Briefly describe your organization.

Feeding South Florida provides food assistance and other related resources to individuals and families facing food insecurity in Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach & Monroe Counties. Our mission is to end hunger in South Florida by providing immediate access to nutritious food, leading hunger and poverty advocacy efforts and transforming lives through innovative programming and education. Feeding South Florida is a member of Feeding America, and serves 25% of the state's food insecure population. Through innovative direct-service programs and a network of nonprofit partner agencies, Feeding South Florida distributed nearly 176 million pounds of food (146 million meals) last year to over 1.4 million individuals.

- b. Explain the objectives of your project.

Our Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) ensures that we are getting food to those that need it the most. The MFP is one of the effective ways to bring much needed fresh produce into areas that are low-income, low access (commonly referred to as food deserts or an area in which most of the residents have limited access to large retail stores with fresh food and grocery products). The residents in these neighborhoods live below the federal poverty level, as determined by the United States Government. The MFP is a tractor/trailer filled with nutritious and perishable food that is driven to a site, offloaded with the support of volunteers, and then arranged in a way that mirrors a farmer's market to give clients maximum choice. Our Mobile Food Pantries will achieve the following:

1. Improve access to quality food to low-income families.
2. Reduce the overall food budget shortfall for the families we serve.
3. Empower families to make healthier food choices.

- c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

With funding of \$10,000 from the City of Oakland Park, Feeding South Florida will provide groceries and fresh produce to approximately 400 - 500 households (13,000 meals). The location is selected based on the need and is often in an area that has been deemed a food desert --- with limited access to nutritious foods. Once the Mobile Food Pantry truck arrives, volunteers assist with set up in preparation for the individuals and families that come through the distribution. In a walk-through or drive through fashion, clients choose items and pack their bags or allow volunteers to pack them. The distribution style adds dignity to each client allowing them to shop as they would at the grocery store. The process also minimizes the possibility of food waste and the likelihood that families will receive products that they won't consume.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

The rate of food insecurity in Broward County is approximately 15%. This includes children, seniors, the working poor, veterans, physically and mentally disabled, homeless, and more. In Broward County, 25% of our clients are under the age of 18 and 22% are 60 and older. Within this population, 16.5% identify as White Non-Hispanic, 64% as Black Non-Hispanic, 11% as Hispanic, and the remaining as Other. This funding will support individuals and families in the City of Oakland Park.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Feeding South Florida will serve approximately 500 households (1,000+ individuals) in the City of Oakland Park. We do not expect to serve individuals outside of this area.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

Feeding South Florida does rigorous tracking of food procurement and distribution as part of our normal processes. The efficiency, impact, and success of our work is dependent upon being able capture and evaluate the metrics of our programs and services. This occurs through:

1. Client Tracking Software - Feeding South Florida uses Oasis Insight for client tracking.
2. Warehouse Management System - Feeding South Florida uses CERES to track inbound and outbound food items.
3. Agency Surveys - Each month, our Partner Agencies submit monthly reports revealing the number of individuals served and the number of meals/pounds distributed.

Through these systems, we can track and report activities and metrics to prove our objectives.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

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**Allyson Vaulx**

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Name (Printed)

*Allyson Vaulx*

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Signature

**AVP of Philanthropy**

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Title

**10/25/22**

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Date



## 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: First Call for Help of Broward, Inc. dba 2-1-1 Broward

Address: 3317 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Suite 403, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Contact Person: Marie Hayes Title Director of Internships and Special Projects

Telephone: 954 444 7530 Email: mariehayes@211-broward.org

Federal Identification Number: 65-0589294 DUNS: 13-782-5456

National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30) Hotlines & Crisis Interventions (F40)

## 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: 2-1-1 Broward, General and Crisis Helplines and Touchline

Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000.00

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant?   X   Yes        No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: United Way of Broward County
- Grant Name: 211-Helpline (Contract #1516-04-46-01)
- \$ Value of Match: \$15,000.00 Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): 1.5: 1

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

### 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

a. Briefly describe your organization.

2-1-1 Broward is the live, 24 hour, comprehensive helpline, providing all people with crisis, health and human services support, and connecting them to resources in our community. Broward is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit that was incorporated in 1995 as an information and referral source that links residents in need, with essential services that can help them. The organization serves as a gateway and navigator for the vast network of health and human services available across the County for the past 26 years. All services are free and anonymous, providing round-the-clock access to crisis intervention, suicide prevention and general requests for support.

The agency Leadership and the Board of Directors has a track record of providing services to the community, with the CEO who has been with the organization for 14 years, the COO for 21 years, and the CFO prior to incorporation, having been with 2-1-1 Broward for 31 years. The Board of Directors reflects the communities served and share their expertise and network of support as professionals and champions for 2-1-1.

2-1-1 Broward is an essential partner in providing crisis support, over the phone and by going out into the community when critical incidents have occurred and providing information, training, and support. During this year, 2-1-1 Broward has begun answering, the newly implemented, **9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**. This line is set to help those in distress during their time of need. 2-1-1 Broward is a proud collaborative partner of the recently launched ***"Hero for Hero" Hotline***, for first responders and their families. Along with these critical services, the agency continues to provide vital community resources – linking callers to Summer Feeding Programs, VITA EITC (IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance – Earned Income Tax Assistance), as well as others. Adding to these resources initiating new programs, such as the AARP/United Way World Wide, Caregiver Navigation line, and the Broward County Health Department Sexual Health Helpline.

b. Explain the objectives of your project.

The objective of 2-1-1 Broward is to be a readily available resource to anyone in Broward County, via phone, email, or text, to provide vital resources, referrals, and crisis intervention. This service provides for the need of the individual, reduces stress and anxiety, and offers hope. This support goes beyond the individual to help the family and the community. This service is provided by counselors on the 211 helpline that are degreed and highly trained to conduct crisis interventions, share information, and make referrals for callers. 2-1-1 Broward is nationally accredited by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems and the American Association of Suicidology. The simplicity of connecting with services is as easy as dialing "211" on any phone. Oakland Park residents that call are able to be connected to more than 1200 agencies, offering nearly 4000 programs and services. Our primary services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, there is never a time that a resident cannot reach a counselor for support, crisis intervention, suicide prevention, empathetic listening, needs assessment, support, information and referrals. Annual data

reports approximately 100,000 callers expressing more than 145,000 specific needs. Callers are reaching out for basic needs in over half of the calls received. They are seeking services for things such as food, shelter, clothing, showers and emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities. The complexity and intensity of needs expressed has grown during the pandemic. Additionally, more first-time callers are seeking support and assistance as they navigate unfamiliar challenges. 2-1-1 Broward helps people who are struggling, identify local resources and plan an appropriate solution. 211 works continuously to prevent suicide, address mental health and reduce substance use.

**This funding request is to assist 2-1-1 Broward to provide 2000 referrals to callers from Oakland Park residents in 2023.** This will be measured by tracking calls from Oakland Park residents, the needs presented, and the number and type of referrals provided. This information is maintained in our database, and regular reports can be generated by zip code and city. All callers are asked what city they are calling from as well as requesting zip code data.

- c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

2-1-1 Broward provides Oakland Park residents the ability to reach out, whether they are experiencing an immediate crisis or have a "general need". A call, text, or e-mail, to 2-1-1 Broward often results in the caller getting linked directly to a resource that helps alleviate the immediate concern that has had them reach out. Crisis calls receive a qualified counselor to assist in reducing stressors, and/or linkage to emergency services, ending in avoiding a lethal situation. It is important to remember that 2-1-1 Broward is there whenever a caller reaches out to us. Individuals are not "wait-listed" and have access to caring, supportive counselors every day of the year. This universal availability is necessary to address crisis calls. Funds that are requested will be used to pay for the counselor's time to provide this service. Services are free to the caller and available in almost any language. In addition to incoming call volume, more than 60,000 outgoing calls are placed: to seniors that live alone- to confirm their safety and well-being, thousands of follow-up and advocacy calls, and hundreds of thousands of searches for resources using our comprehensive, online portal. This data availability through a simple internet search provides easy access to the community, case managers, and others. Additionally, Care Coordination services are able to be provided in a number of situations, including for families with children that have mental health and or substance abuse concerns; caregivers in need of navigation to resources, Veterans in need of linkage and support, and crisis callers. Along with the daily operations that occur, 2-1-1 Broward, is active before, during, and after a disaster, such as a hurricane. Most recently, 2-1-1 Broward was instrumental in providing coverage for callers during Hurricane Ian, when the service sites in those areas were inoperable. The staff was rapidly reaching out for resources, to be able to provide callers with necessary linkages, when staff in the area were unavailable. In the event of an active Hurricane in our area, 2-1-1 Broward staff relocate to the emergency management offices and ensure that all calls are able to be answered. Along with the general call center, and dedicated crisis prevention services, there are several specific call lines for a variety of needs:

- Crisis and Suicide care – Crisis line for anyone experiencing feelings of hopelessness or helplessness
- 988 – New line implemented for Crisis and Suicide care
- Touchline - A daily support call to older adults, that are vulnerable and live alone.
- Caregiver Navigation – provides support, linkage, and hope for individuals caring for a loved one that is over the age of 18.
- TeenSpace – A service set to listen and help teens with empathy and respect, while empowering them with answers, support and hope
- Military and Veteran Services – Comprehensive services dedicated to service military members, veterans and their families to ensure they get the support they earned and deserve.
- Special Needs Connections – A comprehensive support source for children from birth to 22 years of age with developmental and physical disabilities.
- Mental Health – A comprehensive support source for children and adults. Providing 24/7 support and access to behavior health services (mental health and substance use).
- SAGE – A dedicated line to provide supportive service to older LGBTQIA and their caregivers.

#### 4. TARGET POPULATION

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

During 2022, responded to **90315** calls in Broward County seeking support, resources, or crisis intervention. The primary service population has been individuals identified as vulnerable populations, including, moderate to low income individuals, Older adults, and individuals with a chronic healthcare condition or disability.

The breakdown of callers:

- 70% Female
- 30% Children in the household (0 – 18)
- 28% Seniors living in the household
- 17.2% Living with a disability
- 3% Member of the household in the military

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

2-1-1 Broward estimates that **2000** referrals will be provided to Oakland Park residents will be served through the call center.

2-1-1 Broward is committed to being there when a community need occurs, to provide resources, and to link individuals and families in need. As Broward County, and Oakland

Park face different issues that arise, one can never know what type of situation will place a person in crisis, or in a situation where they just don't know where to turn. While this resource is available to every resident in Broward County, it is hard to predict who will experience a need, and will reach out for support or services. However, during the last fiscal year, 2-1-1 Broward responded to **511 unique** calls from **Oakland Park**. While the number of unique callers is tracked, it is estimated for every caller, there are 1.9 times the people affected, as callers are often reaching out for their families, with an actual number of individuals impacted closer to 970. These callers (and their families) received **1829** referrals. The top **five** needs for Oakland Park residents were **basic needs**, such as food, shelter and clothing (**798**), Mental Health (**311**), Government/Community Services (**259**), Health and Wellness needs (**144**), and Children's Behavioral Health/Special Needs (**84**). There were **10** unique suicide needs during the year. The satisfaction response rate for these callers, when asked, "Overall were you satisfied with the Helpline Counselor?" had a satisfaction rate is **98.91%**. While we can't be certain the number of residents that will experience a crisis is this next year, given experience over the past few years, we estimate addressing approximately **600** calls, with **2000** referrals for needs for Oakland Park residents.

In total, 2-1-1 Broward provides this resource to the community with revenue from \$4.205 million dollars of grants and contracts, including those from the United Way, Children's Services Council and other private Foundations.

## 5. Evaluation

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project end explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

2-1-1 Broward prides itself on providing a high degree of customer satisfaction. In order to evaluate the success of the program several steps are taken.

1. Quality assurance calls are placed by supervisory staff to identify the customer's satisfaction with the Helpline Counselors and services provided. Callers are asked a series of standard questions:
  - a. Overall were you satisfied with the Helpline Counselor?
  - b. Information/Referral or Support Satisfaction
  - c. Overall, were you satisfied with the information/referrals or support provided?
  - d. Overall, did your call to 2-1-1 help you?
  - e. Overall, do you feel that you have a better understanding of services available in the community
  - f. Would you call 2-1-1 again if you needed information or support??
2. Staff receive feedback on their service delivery, and receive coaching on areas of improvement if needed.
3. Program benchmarks are monitored, and shared with staff at monthly meetings.
4. Regular program audits occur and feedback is provided to counselors and supervisors.

5. The quantitative measurements are compiled monthly, and are based on the number of calls, type of calls, resources provided, advocacy provided, and demographic of the individuals receiving support.

This data is easily accessible and can be generated to clearly identify the city in which a caller is from, type of needs, type of referrals, and service approval rating.

A critical measure of performance is our ability to intervene in a crisis and prevent a circumstance from getting worse. Last year, 211 responded to 1614 suicide prevention/intervention calls, of these 10 were from Oakland Park residents. Suicide is largely preventable and 211 tracks and reports on these lifesaving efforts as a means of further reducing their incidence. We compare and analyze data year over year and seasonally to gain and share a deeper understanding of current and emerging trends in our community.

2-1-1 Broward has received and maintains several national accreditations to ensure and demonstrate rigorous standards and regular oversight. The organization is accredited by Alliance of Information and Referral systems (AIRS), Florida Alliance of Information and Referral Services (FLAIRS), National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and the American Association of Suicidology.

## 6. Certification

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As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

Sheila J. Smith

Name (Printed)



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Signature

President/CEO

Title

10/31/2022

Date

**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Organization Name: HAITIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC

Address: 3472 NE 5TH AVENUE UNIT 8 OAKLAND PARK FL 33334

Contact Person: DJENANE GOURGUE Title VICE PRESIDENT

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Federal Identification Number: 45-4661157 DUNS: 021537042

National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)

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**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: HAAMCC ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ENRICHMENT CENTER

Requested Funding Amount: 10,000.00

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ Value of Match: \_\_\_\_\_ Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

The Haitian American Chamber of Commerce Inc. (HAAMCC) is a nonprofit organization registered as a 501 (c) 6 status. We provide network opportunities to help mainly Haitians Entrepreneurs to connect among themselves and with other companies in the community. In addition to networking opportunities, we provide training and seminars on business strategies geared toward small businesses. We partner with large corporations such as Valley Bank, PNC Bank, Republic Services and Humana to offer business and organizational strategies, and support to small businesses. The HAAMCC also partners with several 501(c) agencies that work within the community to promote Financial Literacy, Arts, Human Services, and Education.



b. Explain the objectives of your project.

The Haitian American Chamber of Commerce is opening "the HUB" an Entrepreneurship and Trade Center Enrichment Sessions promoting and catering to individual aspiring business owners and intern with the goal of offering business workshops through partnerships, educational opportunities with life skills training;

community activities that will promote job placement to individuals who want to build on their abilities and connect to the broader community to help with economic and social mobility.

An initiative of the Haitian American Chamber of Commerce, the incubator/hub and accelerator program, is a 2600 sq. ft. of climate-controlled office and co-working space, conference rooms, cultural center, import/export hub, professional business development, expert mentorships, office amenities and an educational connections vital to the success of business start-ups and entrepreneurs.

- \* Business Information and Referral Center

- \* Import / Export Hub

- \* Showroom and Cultural Center

- \* Storage for Books, Arts & Crafts (non-perishable products)

c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

The Haitian American Chamber of Commerce will offer monthly Enrichment Session in diverse topics from Financial Education, Information Session in College Admission, Real Estate, Business Legalization, and more.

- \*\* Front office dedicated for Business Information and Referral Center

- \*\* One-on-One Business Coaching

- \*\* Business Seminars (virtual and/or in person)

- \*\* Certification Assistance for Minority/ Women-Owned Businesses  
Connections to Procurement Assistance

- \*\* Small Networking Events for promotion and Publicity Opportunities

- \*\* Access to Business Resources with our Wall (Rack) of Referrals and References

- \*\* Import / Export Training

- \*\* Training and Conference Room Rentals

- \*\* Showroom and Cultural Center for Home Decor, Arts & Crafts gearing to wholesale

#### 4. TARGET POPULATION

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

Businesses in Oakland Park and surrounding areas such as Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill.

Small and Medium Business such as Bakeries, Restaurants, Supermarkets wanting ethnic products through our distribution center program.

Business Information and Referral Center for all and any businesses wanted to engage in the process of Trading, Importing to and Exporting from Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Guadeloupe, Belize and Panama.

As well as the resident of Urban Village on 5th Avenue

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Population in 2019:  
45,202 + Males: 24,270 (53.7%) Females: 20,932 (46.3%)

Median resident age: 41.5 years Zip codes: 33334.

White 15,445 (34.1%) Hispanic 14,669 (32.4%) Black 12,141 (26.8%)

As well as the resident of Urban Village on 5th Avenue

#### 5. EVALUATION

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

Several quantitative measure will be put in place to evaluate this project

- \* Evaluate attendance during the Enrichment Sessions on Saturdays
- \* Provide affordable office and co-working space and conference rooms for a minimum of 10 businesses
- \* Coordinate business seminars, workshops and networking events monthly
- \* Provide Job training/business skills and mentorships for new businesses/entrepreneurs
- \* Conduct a minimum of two business training session monthly
- \* Showroom and Cultural Center: Sponsor and/or organize monthly cultural events
- \* Estimate the number of Oakland Park Residents and if other recipients outside of Oakland Park will receive services, provide breakdown.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

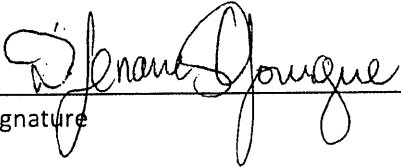
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**DJENANE GOURGUE**

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Name (Printed)

  
Signature

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**VICE PRESIDENT**

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Title

**10/15/2022**

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Date

### 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: Junior Achievement of South Florida  
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Telephone: 954-979-7100 Email: danielle@jasouthflorida.org  
Federal Identification Number: 59-871446 DUNS: 959693854  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
Youth Development (Business-O53)

### 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: JA Biztown/JA Finance Park  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ Value of Match: \_\_\_\_\_ Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

### 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

a. Briefly describe your organization.

Junior Achievement of South Florida's (JA) mission is to empower our youth with the knowledge, ability and confidence to navigate their futures, drive our economy, and lead our community. JASF is the largest JA facility in the world and served 69,000 students during the 2021/2022 school year.

Junior Achievement of South Florida's leadership is committed to creating opportunities and pathways for the employability of youth. Programs are continually modified to meet students' needs, changes in technology, amended core curriculum standards and changing economic realities. Leadership is also dedicated to further developing innovative programs that produce highly effective outcomes for students, including intense career skills training, youth employment and pre-apprenticeships. Empowering youth to own their economic success!

**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

JA BizTown combines 16 to 20 hours of in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town. The program allows elementary school students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks, and vote for a mayor. The program helps students connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world.

Following participation in the program, students are able to:

- Discuss the roles they play as citizens, workers, and consumers in their community and relate those roles to the free enterprise system.
- Discuss the importance of citizen rights and responsibilities in a community.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the free enterprise system.
- Build money management skills through practical knowledge of economic concepts and banking practices.
- Develop an understanding of basic business practices and responsibilities.
- Display the soft skills necessary for successful participation in the world of work.

JA Finance Park is Junior Achievement's capstone program for personal financial planning and career exploration. This program, comprising a 16-hour curriculum and a simulation, helps students build a foundation on which they can make intelligent financial decisions that last a lifetime, including decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit. This educator-led classroom curriculum culminates with a visit to JA Finance Park, a realistic on-site simulation, where students engage with volunteers and put into practice what they've learned by developing a personal budget.

Following participation in the program, students are able to:

- Identify personal interests, skills, work preferences, and values.
- Identify career interests.
- Evaluate the risks and benefits of saving and investing.
- Evaluate risk and recognize insurance as a way to minimize it.
- Define taxes, explain their purpose, and understand how they affect everyone.
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of using credit and debit cards.
- Explain who uses a budget and why.
- Identify the components of a successful budget.
- Create a successful budget using hypothetical life situations.

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

The 5th grade JA BizTown and 8th grade JA Finance Park experiences start in the classroom with 16-20 hours of in-class curriculum. Oakland Park students will then be transported to JA World for a one-day simulation experience. Both programs culminate with up to 8 hours of follow-up.

At JA BizTown, the students run the businesses, earn paychecks, open/manage bank accounts, take out/repay business loans, vote, price and advertise goods and services for sale, and more. Students become full-fledged consumers by making purchases at other student-run businesses within the "town." One of the goals is to pay back their business loan by the end of the day.

At JA Finance Park, students assume an assigned family, career, and income scenarios and visit businesses to gather information for their personal financial decision-making choices. They create and balance a budget covering all the needs and wants of a typical individual or family. They learn about various careers and job roles including salary ranges for the various businesses.

#### 4. TARGET POPULATION

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

Junior Achievement of South Florida serves all students in Broward County (over 60,000 students annually in all JA programs). Targeted schools in the City of Oakland Park and percentage of students eligible for free/reduced priced lunches are listed below by program.

JA BizTown include:

84 students from Lloyd Estates Elementary - (77.1%)

88 students from Oakland Park Elementary - (81.6%)

JA Finance Park include:

317 students from James S. Rickards Middle School - (69.1%)

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Junior Achievement of South Florida anticipates serving 489 fifth and eighth grade students who are City of Oakland Park residents and attend schools in the City of Oakland Park.

#### 5. EVALUATION

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

BizTown success will be based on meeting the following goals:

- \* 90% of BT students are hired for a job & use newly learned life/work skills.
- \* 90% of BT students realize the importance of money management skills (managing a checkbook)
- \* 90% of BT students realize the importance of saving money.
- \* 80% of BT students indicate the program connected what they learned in the classroom with real life.
- \* 90% of BT teachers feel the program helped the students have a better understanding of the importance of managing their money, as well as the role that business and citizens play in their community.

JA Finance Park success will be based on meeting the following goals:

- \* 90% of FP students learn how to complete the FP budget during simulation.
- \* 80% of FP students show improved financial literacy knowledge.
- \* 90% of FP students agree they need to complete high school to be successful.
- \* 90% of FP students agree that FP prepared them for their future.
- \* 90% of FP teachers feel students have a better understanding of their career opportunities, the importance of managing their money, and budgeting.

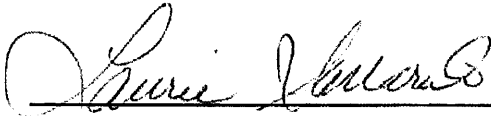
**6. CERTIFICATION**

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**Laurie Sallarulo**

Name (Printed)



Signature

**CEO/President**

Title

10/19/22

Date

## 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID)  
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Federal Identification Number: 59-1927289 DUNS: J888EMQRNE98  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)

## 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: The Family Counseling Center (FCC)  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes X No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: Not Applicable
- Grant Name: Not Applicable
- \$ Value of Match: NA Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): NA

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

## 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

a. Briefly describe your organization.

Founded in 1979, Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID) started as a shelter for abused and neglected children. Since then, KID has grown to include two campuses in Broward County, and provides foster care recruitment, training and support in Palm Beach County, all of which prioritize abuse prevention and family preservation. In 2019, KID acquired Family Central, Inc. (FCI) which provides comprehensive family strengthening, early learning, a child care food program, and educational training services in South Florida. FCI is nationally accredited and certified by the International Association of Continuing Education and Training; and strives to transform lives through its mission of strengthening relationships and creating nurturing communities where children and families flourish. Both agencies are accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA). The acquisition of FCI, with operations in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade, provides KID with the opportunity to benefit even more children and families in South Florida. Protecting children through treatment and supportive services, KID offers a well-integrated system of care, delivered by skilled professionals who tenaciously strive to encourage, educate, empower and equip children and families with the proper tools to ensure a safe and strong community. By advancing critical care to at-risk children and families in need, KID is the premier provider of child and family services in South Florida and together with FCI, serves more than 25,000 children and families annually. KID employees enrich the South Florida community through a comprehensive program of services, including the family counseling center, foster care recruitment/training/support, kinship support, early childhood education/preschool, aftercare/summer camp, adoption support, reunification services, family strengthening, maternal health, and pediatric dental in partnership with Nova Southeastern University. KID is a nationally accredited social services agency dedicated to the prevention of child abuse, the preservation of the family, and the treatment of abused and neglected children. Our values are: Family, Trust, Compassion, Safety, Wisdom, and Tenacity. KID provides comprehensive services to meet the needs of at-risk populations, populations involved in child welfare, and children and families who have experienced trauma.



**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

KID is a recognized mental health service provider and has been offering clinical services in Broward County since 1990. The Family Counseling Center (FCC) at KID provides individual and family therapy, Infant Mental Health services, adoption support, and therapeutic visitation to children and their families in our community. Trauma, abuse, loss/grief, anger, depression, anxiety, bullying and Infant Mental Health are some examples of the wide range of treatment issues addressed by our therapists. KID therapists are highly skilled and experienced in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and other evidence-based therapeutic practices. KID is certified through the University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center (LRIC) in an evidence-based practice for Infant Mental Health, which focuses on instilling mental resiliency, and supports social-emotional development as a way to counteract the potentially devastating effects of childhood trauma. The Infant Mental Health services focus on the dyadic relationship between parent and child, in order to develop a bond and attachment, and teach the caregiver appropriate interactions, to address and overcome obstacles early on before behavioral and mental health issues evolve.

Many of the children we serve have gone through the most traumatic experiences and need the help of a professional to work through these experiences. Unfortunately, funders of therapy services significantly limit the number of allowable sessions, resulting in the therapists not being able to provide the intensity and duration of therapy services needed to address the traumas the children and families have faced. Children who have experienced trauma and/or emotional distress as a result of abuse, neglect, and abandonment, or from witnessing horrific crimes, often need more than a one hour-long session every other week in order to process and resolve these stressors. When therapists are able to bring systems together to help support the children and families, it helps to strengthen the family and decrease their reliance on therapy. Advocating for our children and families in school, at Court, or in other areas of their lives, is an element that sets FCC apart from other providers. Medicaid is the funder most utilized by our clients in FCC; however, Medicaid only allows twenty-six (26) one-hour sessions per fiscal year. Funding can severely impact the children who require more than one hour a week to address their traumas. Foundation support of FCC is critical to overcome these program limitations due to the strict eligibility criteria and a cap on number and type of sessions permitted.

It is our philosophy that we do everything necessary to help the children and families to work through and overcome the traumas that may hold them back from being able to function in their lives, which may be exacerbated with the lasting effects experienced from the pandemic.

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

KID is requesting \$10,000 to support FCC clients in the City of Oakland Park and the surrounding cities. Currently, substantial foundation support of FCC is critical to prevent wait-listing and overcome program limitations due to the strict eligibility criteria and cap on number of sessions permitted by funders. This cap on the number of sessions permitted can often create a gap between the number of sessions that are covered under Medicaid funding and the number of sessions the KID therapists have clinically determined are necessary and appropriate to achieve healing in a child. These funding limitations adversely affect KID's ability to provide meaningful therapeutic services with a lasting effect for the most vulnerable children and families in our communities; especially children who are experiencing trauma and/or other issues associated with foster care. With the requested funds, FCC will be able to continue to provide services beyond the limitation of what is covered under funding. In addition, KID therapists recognize the need to treat the whole family unit, and support the family functioning systemically. As such, therapists often provide ancillary services to the families without funding to support provision of these services. Therapists often accompany parents to their children's Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, which are developed for each public school child who needs special education. These meetings are attended by numerous school personnel and can be overwhelming for the parents, and without the support and advocacy the therapist provides, a child's needs may not be fully met. Therapists are often called to testify in court regarding a family they are working with, or may attend court to support a family through the court process, which is not only emotional and overwhelming, but can be technical and frightening to families. Therapists accompany their clients to psychiatric and psychological appointments, to assure that the treating physician is given a full history and understanding of the child's needs. Without this, many children are misdiagnosed and prescribed medications based on limited information which may not only be ineffective, but could actually be harmful. The therapists in FCC have always, and will continue to always go above and beyond with their clients, ensuring comprehensive care, aligning with the philosophy of KID.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

FCC provides counseling for children and their families who reside in any geographic area throughout Broward County. Services are provided to children ages birth-18 years of age (up to 21 if enrolled in school and/or if they have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), or are in a transitional program and experiencing transitional issues).

The demographics of the clients served are representative of the demographics of Broward County. According to U.S. Census data, the racial composition in Broward County is comprised of 34.5% White, 27.8% Black, 25.9% Hispanic and 2.63% other. The demographics of the clients served through FCC during the 2021-2022 fiscal year was comprised of 18.0% White, 54.0% Black, 8% Multi-Racial and 20% Other. The gender composition in Broward County is noted by the U.S. Census to be 51.0% female and 49.0% male, while the gender composition of the clients served in FCC during the 2021-2022 was 48.0% female and 52.0% male.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

During the 2021-2022 FY, FCC served a total of 15 clients in the City of Oakland Park and 67 clients in the surrounding cities. As of July 2022, FCC served 5 clients in the City of Oakland Park and 17 clients in surrounding cities. With the requested funds, FCC will be able to continue to provide services beyond the limitation of what is covered under funding.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

- 90% of children will make progress towards meeting their treatment plan goals.

- 90% of children served will decrease two (2) points on the Children's Functioning Assessment Rating Scale (CFARS) from admission to discharge.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this proposal and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

Wendy Salomon

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Name (Printed)

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Signature

Chief Operating Officer

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Title

October 28, 2022

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Date

### 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: Kiwanis Club of Oakland Park Foundation Inc.  
Address: 461 E Hillsboro Blvd. Deerfield Beach, FL 33441  
Contact Person: Anthony "Rick" Melillo Title: President elect  
Telephone: 954-648-8170 Email: melillo85@bellsouth.net  
Federal Identification Number: 46-2713817 DUNS: 024764655  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
Children and Youth Services (P30)

### 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: OPK Backpacks Plus  
Requested Funding Amount: 10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ Value of Match: \_\_\_\_\_ Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

### 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

- a. Briefly describe your organization.

The Oakland Park Kiwanis, a 501(c)(3) organization and a member of Kiwanis International, is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the lives of children within our community. As the "orange shirt people," the city of Oakland Park has recognized our participation in community events such as street and waterway clean-ups, working at the Octoberfest and Easter Egg Hunt, Youth Day, and a variety of neighborhood support events.

b. Explain the objectives of your project.

The main objectives of our OPK Backpack Plus program are:

- To continue providing weekend food bags to families in need identified by school social workers
- To continue to provide fully cooked holiday meals to families identified by school social workers
- To continue to provide 3rd grade students of OP elementary schools with personal dictionaries
- To continue to provide uniforms for identified students in need
- To continue to provide teachers with educational tools to support their programs for students
- To provide reading materials for the early childhood program

c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

For the last 15 years, Oakland Park Kiwanis have created and participated in their OPK Backpack Plus program to feed the children and their families within the Oakland Park community. This has involved collecting, organizing, and delivering up to 60 bags of food every week for families identified by social workers at 4 elementary and one high school, as well as a local free clinic and senior living facility. We also deliver 50 pre-cooked turkey dinners to families in need for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This program has formerly been run out of a member's warehouse, to a garage, and now from a back room of an Oakland Park business. The majority of the food comes from donations from our OPK members and those who have supported us by reading about this program on our website: [www.oaklandparkkiwanis.com](http://www.oaklandparkkiwanis.com) and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/opkiwanis/>

After such a close relationship with the schools, we realized that students and teachers had other needs to be addressed, so we also provide 300 third-grade students with dictionaries and school uniforms for those who cannot afford them. For the last 6 years, we have also created our Adopt-A-Teacher program to provide classroom materials, furniture, educational tools, and even laptops to meet the needs of their students by teacher requests. This has been particularly helpful to new instructors to encourage their continued success and thus, the success of their students. The Oakland Park Kiwanis will continue to embrace the entire school community to support the needs of our children and their families.



#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

This program benefits Oakland Park children, their families, and teachers at North Andrews Gardens Elementary, Lloyd Estates Elementary, Oakland Park Elementary, Floranada Elementary, and Northeast High School. It also provides services to The Light of the World Free Clinic and Tremont Assisted Living.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Over 750 Oakland Park residents will be served. (While Floranada Elementary is located in Fort Lauderdale (a block away from Oakland Park), there are still Oakland Park families that benefit from our food bags.)

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

We have received countless letters from grateful families. Because our websites are kept up to date, those from even outside our community have sent donation checks as they want to participate in a truly helpful and successful program. The visual accounts of participation on our websites clearly show where their money is going. The treasurers of our club and non-profit organization keep accurate records of all funds coming in and going out of budgeted funding and donations.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

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Anthony R. Melillo

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Name (Printed)

*Anthony R. Melillo*

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Signature

OPK President elect

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Title

10/26/22

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Date

### 1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: Light of the World Clinic, Inc.  
Address: 5333 N. Dixie Hwy #201, Oakland Park, FL 33334  
Contact Person: Sandy Lozano Barry Title Executive Director  
Telephone: 954.563.9876 Email: slozano@lightoftheworldclinic.org  
Federal Identification Number: 65-0266070 DUNS: 123623196  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
E-32: Community Clinics Outpatient. Provides Free Medical Care and Health Services

### 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

Project/Program Name: Free Health Care for Poor Uninsured Children & Families  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (FAFCC)
- Grant Name: 2022-2023 Indigent Patient Care and Support Services
- \$ Value of Match: \$109,000 Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): 1:10

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

### 3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS

#### a. Briefly describe your organization.

The Light of the World Clinic continues to thrive, keeping our community healthy for 33 years. A volunteer-based clinic led by medical doctors provide free primary healthcare and medical treatment services for the uninsured working poor who cannot afford healthcare or health insurance. In 2019 the State of Florida identified gaps in Broward's Continuum of Care System that included eliminating barriers; by poverty, poor health literacy, no insurance, and establishing stronger linkages to care. The Clinic's work addresses eliminating these health disparities and upgrades the health, education, and living standards of the uninsured to help end the cycle of poverty. Our services include First Point of Access and Initiation into Holistic Primary Healthcare, Comprehensive Medical Treatment Services, Education, Individual Medical Treatment Plans, On-site Clinical Services: Diagnostic Screening, Intervention, Monitoring, Individual and Group Counseling, Care Coordination, Case Management, and Follow-up, Navigating Linkages as needed to social service, government, employment agencies, food pantries, and other providers beyond the Clinic's scope. In 2021 the Clinic had 12,329 patient encounters, 3,913 patient visits, saving taxpayers \$2,463,372 in uncompensated hospital visits. The Clinic's long-term success is based primarily on funding from State and local resources and our long-term collaborative partnerships.



**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

47% of Broward's families live in poverty and cannot pay for healthcare or medical treatment. Poor, medically underserved, uninsured, at-risk children and their families with no regular source of care typically end up in the emergency room which is the costliest point of care. Through this Project, the Clinic's work will improve access and health and wellness outcomes and coordination while strengthening the level of individual and family functioning.

**Project Objectives:** To provide free healthcare to indigent uninsured individuals and families from the City of Oakland Park, while empowering 200 of them to reach optimal health and be productive in Broward County through additional diagnostic testing, holistic primary healthcare and medical treatment services by volunteer licensed medical professionals.

The major objective of this one-year program is to improve positive medical outcomes by the identification and treatment of chronic disease, acute illness, proper self-care, and disease management of the uninsured to avoid major medical emergencies, while reducing costs to the public health system.

The Project will provide comprehensive diagnostic screenings and free lab work with medical treatment interventions including:

1. Lab and Blood Testing: glucose, metabolic panel, blood counts to determine blood diseases and disorders (e.g., anemia, infections, cholesterol, clotting problems, blood cancers, and immune system disorders).
2. Volunteer licensed medical professionals to evaluate a patient's overall health, provide comprehensive diagnosis, personalized medical treatment plans, counseling, and medications (as needed), with care coordination and follow-up.
3. Promote healthy lifestyles, encouraging proper self-care, disease, and health management (asthma, cancer, cholesterol, diabetes, heart conditions, hypertension, and other health issues).
4. Empower patients to become more engaged and better at managing their chronic condition, thereby improving health outcomes.

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

Through \$10,000 in grant funding from the City of Oakland Park, the Light of the World Clinic will accomplish the following: 1) New patients obtained through marketing and volunteer community outreach events and referrals. 2) Free primary healthcare services conducted by volunteer licensed medical professionals at the Clinic's facility located at 5333 N. Dixie Highway, #201, Oakland Park, FL. 3) Patients screened on financial eligibility (HUD/Federal poverty guidelines), then scheduled for diagnostic medical tests and screening, establish and implement personalized medical treatment plans, counseling, meds as needed. 4) Medical volunteer professionals provide ongoing care coordination, follow-up and reporting.

The one-year program activities to serve up to 200 indigent uninsured individuals (poor children and families from the City of Oakland Park and will provide:

1. Free patient diagnostic screening and lab work (multiple blood tests).
2. Identification of asthma, cancer, cholesterol, diabetes, heart conditions, hypertension, and other health issues.
3. Establish and Implement Personalized Medical Treatment Plans.
4. Conduct routine medical checkups and counseling with on-going care coordination monitoring.
5. Methodology: One hour of service contact per client per week for three months depending on diagnosis and the patient's response to medical treatment and comprehension of education.

The Clinic's volunteer licensed medical professionals will help establish health equity by providing access to free healthcare, diagnostic screening, personalized medical treatment services, education and care coordination.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

Target Population: 200 low-income individuals from Oakland Park with attributes that hinder their access to primary health care, uninsured, inability to pay, racial/ethnic minority, limited English proficiency, lack of housing with increased risk for poor health outcomes. Individuals require access to free diagnostic screenings, essential primary care, medical treatment, care coordination, and follow-up.

2021 Demographics: 61% female, 39% male. Ethnicity/Race: 82% Hispanic, 86% Caucasian, 8% African American, 1% Asian. Ages of population served: .5% <6 years, 9% 7-17 years, 2.5% 18-21 years, 42% 22-50 years, and 46% were 51+ years. Uninsured children received free/reduced lunch at public schools from families that live in 51% low-income areas. The Light of the World Clinic provided 12,329 patient encounters to 449+ unduplicated individuals (of which 44 were Oakland Park residents).

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Based on the Clinic's past service experience, and the Clinic's Electronic Medical Records Data Base, we anticipate serving up to 200 individuals that live in the City of Oakland Park.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

To evaluate the project's success, quantitative measures to be used include: 200 indigent individuals from the City of Oakland Park, that are uninsured will receive free medical diagnostic testing, lab work and holistic primary healthcare and medical services.

Expected Outcomes and Indicators of those Outcomes:

1) 95% of those served will experience an improvement in their quality of health; 2) 95% of those served will establish improved health baseline and create management of disease/illness; 3) 85% of those served will diminish occurrence of preventable medical emergencies relieving hospital emergency facilities; 4) 85% of those served will improve self-care medical management by reducing risk factors to chronic or acute illness.

Benchmarks for success, identified through medical team evaluation and patient activity. (Lab tests, patient interviews, improved patient self-care management, and health improvement by pre-and-post-patient records). Evaluation Criteria: 1) Number of diagnostic tests and blood tests conducted; 2) Number of patients examined and treated; 3) Number of healthcare counseling sessions conducted.

Qualitative Monitoring: Medical Director to monitor patient health outcomes data, identify their perceptions on the quality of healthcare/education, provide monthly program status reports to the Board of Directors, coordinate responsibility for on-going monitoring and adaptation of healthcare program services. Program adjustments implemented as appropriate.

Evaluative Indicators: 1) Intake of patients, pre-and-post diagnostic testing/blood test results, interviews and known medical history; 2) Mid-year: evaluate and determine patient's medical progress and health improvements; 3) Year-end: evaluate patient's medical progress and health improvements after one-year program participation. Statistical data will be tracked via Clinic's medical management software program. Reports will be provided in accordance with the Florida Department of Health and HIPPA standards. Lessons learned and success stories to be shared with the Clinic's collaborative partnerships and funding agencies. (Publications, informal discussions and published in the Clinic's Annual Report).

## 6. CERTIFICATION

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As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Sandra Lozano Barry**

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Name (Printed)

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Signature

**Executive Director**

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Title

**October 12, 2022**

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Date

**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Organization Name: NAMI of Broward County

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Plantation, FL 33317

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Email: sandra@namibroward.org

Federal Identification Number: 93-1223495

DUNS: \_\_\_\_\_

National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
F80- Mental Health Associations

**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: NAMI Broward Diversity and Inclusion Diversity and Inclusion Community Outreach Specialist Specialist for Peer Support Program Expansion

Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes x No

yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ Value of Match: \_\_\_\_\_ Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

**a. Briefly describe your organization.**

NAMI Broward County is dedicated to eradicating the stigma associated with mental illnesses and improving the quality of life for all individuals affected by these diseases. NAMI Broward County provides free support groups, education classes and seminars, legislative advocacy, and information for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.

Generous funding from the City of Oakland Park will allow NAMI Broward hire a Diversity and Inclusion Community Outreach Specialist to work in minority communities and educating minority residents about the importance of taking care of one's mental health as well as increase the number of locations NAMI Broward provides its programs and educate them about NAMI Broward, its programs and to increase the number of community peer support programs for Oakland Park residents with mental illness and their families, giving them increased knowledge, education, and supports needed for recovery. An overwhelming majority of NAMI Broward consumers are low-income and cannot afford the mental health treatments or supports necessary to make a full recovery. The Diversity and Inclusion Community Outreach Specialist will work with other nonprofits, community organizations, and faith leaders to provide locations for NAMI Broward to provide its programs. By providing more opportunities for residents to and participate in the program and access to resources to help them understand and cope with the challenges of living with mental illness.

NAMI Broward has been providing peer-support behavioral health services to people living with mental illness and their families since 1984. The organization serves over 3,500 unduplicated consumers each year, including people living with or in recovery from mental illness, their loved ones, students, educators, mental health professionals, law enforcement, first responders, etc. NAMI engages with the community at monthly speaker' meetings, about topics of interest to the entire mental health community.

NAMI is a peer-directed organization and makes decisions based on feedback from the people it serves. The Board of Directors is diverse and made up of consumers and family members of individuals with mental illness, as well as leaders in the business, government and nonprofit communities.

NAMI Broward has been providing peer-support behavioral health services to people living with mental illness and their families throughout the Broward County community for over thirty-five years.

Group facilitators are the key to NAMI Broward's successful programs. NAMI Broward's Connection and Family Support Groups are led and presented by trained individuals who have lived experience facing the unique challenges, social stereotypes, misunderstanding, complex family dynamics, and changing medical developments as they relate to behavioral health.

- Provide a safe and respectful environment for program participants
- Prepare group meetings and presentation for each class
- Respect the privacy of participants by creating a climate of confidentiality in the program setting.
- Meetings are held weekly for at least 90 minutes
- Maintain the confidentiality of all participants
- Provide support, community resources, and referral to services
- Actively pursue maintaining own wellness and respect for own emotional and physical resources and limitations
- Understand the difference between peer support and therapy; being careful not to act in the capacity of a therapist or mental health professional

NAMI Broward has many partnerships and collaborations with other behavioral health and community-based organizations in Broward County, including 211 Broward, Memorial Regional Hospital, the South Florida State Hospital, Broward Health, Broward Behavioral Health Council, Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Florida Department of Children and Families, and more. These current partners will continue to work with NAMI Broward by providing referrals and funding to keep this valuable program in operation.

NAMI Broward's partnerships and coordination of services with its community partners help ensure programs and supports are available to the community in locations with the most need while also preventing the duplication of services. Partnerships include:

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- 211 Broward- provides referrals and information
- Henderson Behavioral Health- provides referrals of newly diagnosed individuals with mental health conditions, as well as provide clinical services on a sliding scale.
- Nova Southeastern University provides mental health clinical services on a sliding scale for those who do not have health insurance
- Center for Independent Living. Of Broward provides assistance for consumers applying for Social Security benefits, as well as employment, housing, and education
- Smith Community Mental Health – therapeutic services
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- South Florida Wellness Network
- Memorial Regional Hospital
- South Florida State Hospital
- Broward Health
- Broward Behavioral Health Council
- United Way of Broward Commission on Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse

NAMI Broward is led by Executive Director Dr. Sandra Cumper Boynton, DBH. A mental health therapist, Dr. Cumper Boynton has over twenty years working with marginalized/underserved people, including LGBT, homeless, incarcerated, and institutionalized. Additionally, her advanced degree strengthens NAMI's ability to collect and analyze data to measure the effectiveness of programs and make changes if necessary. Since joining NAMI in 2015, she has expanded the organization's visibility and reach in the community by increasing the number of programs offered to consumers in underserved communities. Additionally, she has increased its budget through fundraising, grants, and its signature event the NAMI Walk held each fall.

Dr. Cumper Boynton, participates in monthly Behavioral Health Managing Entity providers meetings, Consumer Advisory meetings, Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC), Broward Behavioral Health Coalition Clinical Quality Improvement meetings, Non-profit Executive Alliance of Broward, Broward Sheriff Foundation, Crisis Intervention Trainings, Provider Advisory meetings, and Mental Health Promotion Action Team of United Way.

Generous funding from the City of Oakland Park will allow NAMI Broward to increase the number of community peer support programs for Oakland Park residents with mental illness and their families, giving them increased knowledge, education, and supports needed for recovery. An overwhelming majority of NAMI Broward consumers are low-income and cannot afford the mental health treatments or supports necessary to make a full recovery. Expansion of the program will allow more residents to access these valuable resources to help them understand and cope with the challenges of living with mental illness.

**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

NAMI Broward's Peer Support programs educate individuals and their families about mental illness, including symptoms, treatment options, and how to manage and cope with their symptoms with the overall goal of helping to achieve and maintain recovery from their condition. Research has shown that social support provided by peers is beneficial to those in recovery from a mental illness or substance abuse disorder. Peer Support programs are an effective way to help people with mental illness because they have questions and feelings that only someone who has been there can understand.

**Quarter 1 Goals:**

- Consumers will report having increased up-to-date knowledge regarding mental illness, treatments, medications, and therapies available.
- Consumers will report having an increase in knowledge in coping mechanisms needed for a successful recovery.
- Consumers will report a decrease in their physical and mental health symptoms.
- Consumers will report having increased psychological well-being through friendships and leadership.

**Quarter 2 Goals:**

- Consumers will report having increased up-to-date knowledge regarding mental illness, treatments, medications, and therapies available.
- Consumers will report having an increase in knowledge in coping mechanisms needed for a successful recovery.
- Consumers will report a decrease in their physical and mental health symptoms.
- Consumers will report having increased psychological well-being through friendships and leadership.

**Quarter 3 Goals:**

- Consumers will report having increased up-to-date knowledge regarding mental illness, treatments, medications, and therapies available.
- Consumers will report having an increase in knowledge in coping mechanisms needed for a successful recovery.
- Consumers will report a decrease in their physical and mental health symptoms.
- Consumers will report having increased psychological well-being through friendships and leadership.

**Quarter 4 Goals:**

- Consumers will report having increased up-to-date knowledge regarding mental illness, treatments, medications, and therapies available.
- Consumers will report having an increase in knowledge in coping mechanisms needed for a successful recovery.
- Consumers will report a decrease in their physical and mental health symptoms.

- Consumers will report having an increased psychological well-being through friendships and leadership.

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

NAMI Broward believes everyone deserves quality access to care, regardless of their income. Generous funding from the City of Oakland Park for \$10,000 will allow NAMI Broward to provide more peer support programs to its members and the public. Grant funding will be used to pay facilitators to continue providing the current increase in programs.

COVID-19 has drastically changed the way the world operates. One of the most dramatic changes in the way our community receives information and services. Before the global pandemic, most behavioral health consumers and their families received in-person support and services. Stringent social measures and public health safety precautions are required to protect the community we serve from contracting COVID-19.

Due to COVID, NAMI has seen a large increase in the number of seeking help for themselves or a loved one and attendance at peer-support meetings. NAMI was forced to change the meetings' format changing it from in-person to virtual seemingly overnight. Additionally, the surge in attendance created a need to increase the number of meetings provided. This was able to be accomplished and sustained thanks to support from the community, private donors, and grants.

The impact of social distancing, uncertainty, and the need for change in how we operate manifests an increased alarm and distress in the community and the world. Furthermore, NAMI Broward realized a significant increase in requests for help and support because of the pandemic. People report having increased feelings of anxiety or depression, even suicidal thoughts, due to the stress, fear, and isolation caused by the virus.

NAMI Broward County has made changes in how it operates to reassure, encourage, and calm the community. We wanted to assure our members that they were not alone by swiftly enabling full access to programming, support, and services virtually and online.

An increase in demand for services resulted in the organization adding more meetings, including weekends and evenings in order to provide more access to its programs. This fits within the organization's overall strategic plan to increase the number of consumers it serves in the community. Permanent expansion of these programs will increase access to support, especially for the most vulnerable. This was accomplished and sustained thanks to support from the community, private donors, and grants. Additionally, this will help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health in the community.

Current programs include:

**NAMI Connections**, a weekly recovery support group for people living with mental illness. Consumers learn from each other's experiences, share coping strategies while offering each further encouragement and understanding. The program includes NAMI-trained peer facilitators and employs principles of support designed to empower its members, allowing participants to share their experiences and learn from others safely and in a confidential environment.



**NAMI Family Support Group** is a peer-led support group for adults with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. Attendees gain insight from others' challenges, and successes facing similar experiences discover their inner strength by empowering themselves by sharing their own experiences in a non-judgmental space.

**Family to Family, an eight (8) week, evidence-backed program is designed for families, partners, and friends of individuals with serious mental illness.** The course focuses on the emotional responses' families experience to the trauma of mental illness.

More info about NAMI Broward programs can be found at <https://namibroward.org/meetings-schedules/special-events-and-monthly-speaker-meetings/>

NAMI's support groups are unique because they follow a structured model to ensure each person in the group has an opportunity to be heard and to get what they need.

- Evidence based
- Free of cost to participants
- Designed for adults (18+) with mental health conditions
- Led by people with mental health conditions
- Meet weekly, every other week, or monthly based on the program
- No specific medical therapy or treatment is endorsed
- Confidential

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.**

Approximately one in five adults suffers from a mental disorder every year. In Broward County, this means about 450,000 people are living with a mental illness. Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illnesses are brain disorders. They are biologically based medical problems that disrupt a person's daily functioning. Untreated, these conditions can cause severe disturbances in thinking, feeling and relating, resulting substantially in a diminished capacity for dealing with the ordinary demands of life.

Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and borderline personality disorder. Mental illness can affect persons of any age and occur in any family, and is not caused by bad parenting and not evidence of weakness of character.

Mental illnesses are treatable. Most people who live with serious mental illnesses can significantly reduce the impact of their illness and achieve a better quality of life and independence. Access to treatment and recovery supports that have proven effective can speed the individual's recovery and minimize any harmful symptoms.

In addition to medication, psychosocial treatment such as individual and group therapy, peer support groups. Today, NAMI is made of hundreds of local affiliates, state organizations and volunteers who work in their communities to raise awareness and provide support and education to families, friends and individuals effected by mental illness.

NAMI Broward was formed in 1984 and continues to grow stronger every year with new programs, donors and volunteers to help run our programs and support the Broward County mental health community.

NAMI Broward's mission is to bring awareness and programs to Broward County to support a world-class treatment and recovery system for people with mental illness and their families by:

- Providing support to persons with serious brain disorders and to their families
- Educating families and consumers
- Advocating for improved opportunities for housing, rehabilitation, and meaningful jobs
- Supporting public education programs designed to help eliminate the pervasive stigma surrounding severe mental illness.

An overwhelming majority of NAMI Broward consumers are low-income and cannot afford the necessary treatments or support to make a full recovery. The average cost for one visit to receive counseling or therapy is \$60-\$120 per 50-minute session. This cost is highly prohibitive for most mental health consumers, who may not have adequate health insurance coverage to manage these costs. By supplementing traditional behavioral health treatments with peer support and recovery programs, consumers save money on healthcare costs while receiving additional tools necessary for their recovery.

Programs help fill a significant gap in the spectrum of support services for underserved, low-income, and underinsured individuals and their families. Support groups help guide them in their recovery journey by teaching them how to cope with mental illness challenges, especially during these uncertain and stressful times.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.**

NAMI Broward estimates serving 500 Oakland Park residents and 3,500 total consumers with this grant.

## **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.**

NAMI Broward conducts client surveys every six months to measure outcomes and evaluate the effectiveness of services delivered. Surveys are confidential and optional. Questions include, but are not worded verbatim:

- I have more knowledge or understanding regarding mental illness, their treatments, medications, and therapies available.
- I have more knowledge or understanding about different coping mechanisms and supports I can use to help me in the journey to a successful recovery.
- I have a decrease in my physical and/or mental health symptoms.
- I have opportunities to increase my psychological well-being through friendships and leadership.

Additional information that will be collected and recorded includes:

- Number of attendees for the Peer-to-Peer Support Group program sessions for this agreement
- Number of attendees for the Family Support Group program sessions for this agreement
- Number of attendees for the Family-to-Family sessions for this agreement

These outcomes will be reported to Oakland Park as directed by the city.

Below is a success story from a NAMI Broward consumer:

“Having acceptance of my mental illness means taking charge of my life and moving forward. This has played a big part in my recovery. I started to have acceptance of my mental illness after giving myself credit for my strengths and weaknesses and accepting my limitations. Also, believing that I have something to offer in society and doing positive, healthy things in my life. Not giving up in life has been a positive thing for me. It has helped me to make a lot of progress in my life. In my journey and being involved with NAMI has helped me with acceptance. Also, having family, friends, and being a student has very much helped me to accept my mental illness. Staying in treatment and taking my medications has also helped me with acceptance.

It is very important for me to use coping skills that can help me get through a tough day. Having good coping skills for me, means I have a plan in managing my mental illness. There are several coping skills that I use. You can take a hot shower, listen to music, watch television, and keep a balance with your schedule during the week. Medication is also important to me and my treatment. Also, take plenty of breaks when you are doing your school assignments and do not procrastinate in getting your homework done. It's a good idea to have a good support system to help manage your symptoms and people who can help you with moral support. Also, I make sure to get enough sleep and eat healthy, plus exercise. I want to make sure to keep a balance in my life and have activities to do during the week. It's been beneficial for me to be

attend my support group meetings at NAMI, which has been a big part of my support system. I like facilitating groups and making friends. Basically, pull something out of your toolbox to help you cope better. This helps you cope better when you are having a bad day.

Knowing that hope is the “cornerstone of recovery,” and believing you can have success with your life is critical. Your successes and dreams take on many different directions to arrive at your destination. Success means to me means building upon my strengths and moving forward in my life. Hope means that you believe in yourself and feeling positive never accepting defeat.”

## 6. CERTIFICATION

If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this proposal and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

Sandra Cumper Boynton Boynton

Name (Printed)

*Sandra Cumper Boynton Boynton*

Signature

Executive Director

Title

October 28, 2022

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Date

**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

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National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
P99

**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: Free to Play  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10.000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: N/A
- Grant Name: N/A
- \$ Value of Match: N/A Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): N/A

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

Psi-Giansanti Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to research, philanthropy, and mental health counseling. The organization is based in Oakland Park Florida. The purpose of Psi-Giansanti Inc. is to provide psychoeducational and counseling services regarding mental health needs to multiple middle-and low-income families in the community. Ultimately, we function as a bridge between communities that are in need of assistance and the appropriate resources that can fund and aid those community members. As a result, we have provided donations, workshops and talks to parents, teachers, and students regarding various themes (such as mental health coping strategies and emotional learning techniques).

b. Explain the objectives of your project.

The main goal of Free to Play is to offer a free after-school program for middle school students in Oakland Park City, Florida. This after-school program has three main objectives: 1) will serve as a psychologically safe space for children, tweens, so they feel accepted, valued, and heard. 2) Encourage children to express their thoughts, mindsets, and feelings by developing tools for emotional regulation which are crucial at this stage in youths' lives. 3) Allow children to feel free to question thoughts, ideas, concerns about themselves, others, and life, as well as give them the time and space where they are able to self-reflect via activities and focus groups. By offering children emotional security and support, they will be able to reflect on their emotions (i.e., anger, sorrow, grief, anxiety) and regulate them, thus allowing them to develop better relationships not only with themselves, but with their peers (and potentially parents) as well.

c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

The funds will be used to purchase socio-emotional learning materials from GCSCORED, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving emotional learning among the youth, for the students and for the mental health coordinators working with the students. The materials from GCSCORED are specifically for young teens of this age range and they are meant to teach the RUMERTIME process in a simple and effective manner. To better prepare our mental health coordinators and public-school teachers for the after-school program, Psi-Giansanti, Inc. will be partnering with GCSCORED which was founded in 2013 by Dr. Yvonne Larrier, a licensed counselor with many published articles on the topic of mental health, especially social-emotional counseling for at-risk youth. GCSCORED seeks to remove the stigma associated with mental health by encouraging participants to process their thoughts and feelings through the RUMERTIME Process, a research-based and practice-based methodology that stands for "Recognize, Understand, Manage, Express and Reflect on Thoughts, Interactions, Mindsets, and Emotions." Dr. Larrier has partnered with many schools and business to offer workshops and seminars of the RUMERTIME Process in an effort to encourage an acceptance of mental wellness as a worthwhile goal.

Moreover, the scope of services that Free to Play will be: (1) teaching after-school mental health coordinators how to use the RUMERTIME process, (2) host a RUMERTIME process training program for school teachers, (3) provide private buses to take students from school to the after school care program and then home, and (4) provide RUMERTIME process educational materials, along with other arts and crafts-related materials, to engage students in socio-emotional learning.

Referring to our first service, our after-school care mental health coordinators has been offered pro bono the RUMERTIME Prevention and Intervention Coaching training created and run by GCSCORED. The training will allow for our mental health coordinators to be trained to use the RUMERTIME process and they also will be educated, equipped and empowered on the following topics: (a) child and adolescent social emotional development, (b) culturally response interventions for youth, (c) culturally responsive problem solving strategies, (d) child and adolescent mental health critical issues and how to recognize, understand, and manage issues related to family dynamics, (e) how to recognize, understand, and manage issues related to society and its impact on their lives and development. This training will focus on understanding systems that affect children and give us the tools to support them. It is expected that this approach will help cultivate trusting relationships to encourage ultimate transformation amongst the constituents we wish to serve.

Regarding our second service, we will create a training program for teachers that will take place 2-3 weeks prior to the after-school program. Due to the individual schedules of each teacher, this program will be made optional. Overall, there will be between 2-4 meetings where mental health counselors working at Psi-Giansanti Inc. will inform and train the teacher on how to better respond towards students who are experiencing emotional distress due to bullying, depression, and situations of a similar nature. These training sessions will also go over what the mental health professionals who plan to work in the after-school program will be expecting from the teachers in order to have better compliance and expectation on how to help students who are participating in the after-school program. Overall, the purpose of educating the teachers is so that they are aware of what this after-school care program is providing to the students; in doing so, we also ask the teachers to find ways to help continue these lessons in the classroom so that the students are consistently exposed to the social-emotional learning material. The material taught from RUMERTIME will also be shared with the teachers who wish to participate in learning and teaching students social-emotional learning.

Furthermore, our third service is providing private buses for students to be taken from school to the after school program and then to their homes. We are emphasizing on the utilization of private buses so that the students are kept in a safe environment and under trusted supervision of a certified bus driver from a reputable bus company. Our mental health coordinators and Dr. Jackeline Giansanti will be in constant contact with the bus drivers and students' parents as well.

Our fourth service, which is providing GCSCORED and artistic materials for our students, will be done to have them engage in a learning system that specializes in socio-emotional learning for youths their age, and to have them participate in creative arts to learn how to express their feelings. For instance, we will buy fabrics, coloring tools (pens, pencils, markers, paint), colored paper, and more to allow the students to do arts and crafts and create their own theater sets. Then, we will be combining both materials so the students can learn to apply what they learned from the RUMERTIME process in their artistic outlets.

#### 4. TARGET POPULATION

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

The target population for this project is between 11-year-old and 14-year-old middle school students. The project will take place in Oakland Park City Florida. We will be working with schools in the zip code area of 33334, such as James S. Rickards Middle School. This middle school has an 86.6% minority enrollment where 54.0% of the students are Hispanic/Latino, 28.6% of students are Black or African American, and 13.4% of students are White. Also, the school only has 3 full-time school counselors and 71% of the students come from economically disadvantaged families; thus, we believe that our free after-school care program will provide a necessary service to the families who cannot afford therapy and for the counselors who do not have enough time in the day to meet with every student who is in need of psychological counseling.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

Free to Play will function as a pilot study to see if residents are interested in socio-emotional learning within and outside the classroom. Thus, between 30 and 45 middle school students will be able to join and benefit from the after-school care program. Additionally, the teachers, principals, and parents who partner with us to promote the message of RUMERTIME to the students will also be impacted positively by the Process's teachings because they will be applying the skills learned from RUMERTIME whenever they interact with students.

#### 5. EVALUATION

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

Psi-Giansanti Inc. will measure success of Free to Play, the social-emotional after-school program by calculating five key components: (1) attendance, demonstrated by the attendance sign-in sheet in Free to play sessions. (2) feedback from teachers, administrators, and parents. Teachers will receive a (3) weekly report from students on their processes in the after care program sessions and confidential surveys that are given to students after each session, (4) decrease in aggression amongst students, (5) higher frequency of students communicating about their feelings and thoughts with confidence, and (6) decrease usage of vaping.

While attendance can be affected by a multitude of reasons, we are seeking to see an attendance rate of at least 80-95% for more than half of the sessions (48 sessions) per student in the classroom. Students will have to sign their name on a sign-in sheet at the start of each session, and this will be used to calculate how many students attended and how frequently.

Moreover, feedback from teachers and administrators are sought because they can help us to adjust any particular theme or matter at a certain particular time during the program in order to improve these activities via advice or tips on how to better implement the programs amongst a population that is culturally diverse; likewise, feedback from parents is essential because they will be the ones to note behavioral changes amongst their children in private settings. This feedback will be collected via a questionnaire that uses a Likert scale (ranging from Most Useful to Least Useful) for questions regarding the functionality and practicality of the RUMERTIME process and after-school care program among the students. This questionnaire will also be given to parents to see if and how the students' behavior changed at home. If over 95% of the questionnaires show that the training and program were Most Useful, then Free to Play will move on from its pilot study phase and include more students into the program.

At the end of each week of the program, there will be a group discussion evaluating regarding how the students feel about the program and there will also be a confidential survey where each student will answer a series of open-ended and multiple-choice questions; the main goal of these discussions and surveys is to give the child a chance to self-reflect honestly with themselves and have their voices shared one last time privately and without the anxiety of being judged by other students. These confidential surveys will also utilize a Likert Scale (Most Useful to Least Useful) as well as open-ended questions where the students can elaborate on their thoughts of the program and how it affected them. Although the discussion will be hosted at the end of the session, the confidential surveys will be given to the students at the end of each session and collected prior to the students finish their activities.

Furthermore, the last two components are by far the most crucial when determining program success because we aim to decrease verbal and physical aggression amongst students within the classrooms. This will be measured by how the students speak (i.e., tone of voice, vocabulary) about their thoughts as well as how they react to other students during the discussions and activities. One of our goals for this component is to decrease the amount of taunting and teasing of other students who took the time to share their opinions. The level of student aggression will be monitored by our professional team in concordance with a lead teacher and principal, as well as Dr. Jacqueline Giansanti and the teachers. Similarly, the main goal of this program is to create a space where children can freely and shamelessly speak their mind, and thus we will be monitoring as well the frequency of students speaking about their thoughts and feelings with confidence. This relates to the previous component where we will be surveilling the reactions of students as they speak about their feelings since it is our goal to increase confidence in opening up amongst others while simultaneously decreasing teasing from fellow students. A table with the students' names and class session dates will be used to mark who acted or spoke aggressively and when. This will help to create a log of students who do show a decrease or increase in aggressive behavior.

Additionally, we will be measuring the rate of vaping among the students by including a question of vaping and frequency of vaping in the confidential survey mentioned earlier. Since this confidential survey will be given out to the students on a frequent basis, we will be able to monitor how often students vape along with who and where they vape. The questions regarding vaping will be multiple-choice and will ask questions regarding when they started vaping, how often in a month/week/day they vape, with who and where they vape. There will also be open-ended questions that ask why the student started vaping, if they want to seek help to stop or not, and if it has affected their relationship with family/friends.



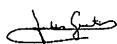
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As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Jackeline Giansanti**

Name (Printed)



Signature

**President**

Title

**10-31-2022**

Date

**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

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Federal Identification Number: 84-4009513 DUNS: \_\_\_\_\_  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)

**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: CPOP: Creating Pathways Out of Poverty  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: Icarmandias
- Grant Name: Champion of Education
- \$ Value of Match: 10,000 Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): 1:1

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

We are the Broward County affiliate of a statewide Florida non-profit organization that provides a unique opportunity for low-income and at-risk students to escape the cycle of poverty through education. We offer our students caring volunteer mentors, student advocacy, college readiness, and college scholarships. Our comprehensive services start in middle school, continue through high school, and include post-secondary retention and completion services.

b. Explain the objectives of your project.

Goals and Objectives of project CPOP during the 2022-2023 school year:

- Ten Low-income at-risk youth, who are residents of the City of Oakland Park, attending a Broward County Public School in the City of Oakland Park, will be recruited, and enrolled in the Take Stock in Children of Broward County, Inc. program;
- 100% of these students will be matched with caring adult mentors (ideally residents from the City of Oakland Park);
- 85% of these students will complete 15 or more mentoring sessions;
- 100% of these students will receive student advocacy services at least once an academic semester;
- 90% of these students will attend a virtual college/career readiness workshop;

c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.

TSIC Broward's project CPOP moves participants out of poverty and towards self-sufficiency through a holistic service model, which includes: (1) monitoring of academic and behavioral success; (2) multi-year interventions beginning in middle school; (3) structured, ongoing mentoring relationships; (4) standardized test preparation; (5) FAFSA and college application assistance; (6) career exploration activities; (7) college tours; and (8) scholarships to attend post-secondary educational institutions. TSIC Broward currently serves 3 high school students (ages 13-18) at Northeast HS, as well as provides college retention services to 12 college students, residents on the City of Oakland Park (ages 18-23) throughout the state of Florida. All students served by TSIC Broward are considered at-risk and low-income based on tax information provided by parent/guardians and Broward County Public Schools records, in accordance with free/reduced lunch eligibility guidelines provided by the US Department of Agriculture.

With funds from the Aid to Non-Profits Grant, 10 additional City of Oakland Park students will be identified and served by the Take Stock in Children Program over the course of 6-8 years. Services will consist of one-on-one meetings in person at the school and/or virtually via our state-of-the-art virtual mentoring apps. Support services for each student in our program average \$1000/student/year.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

Take Stock in Children serves low-income, at-risk, and underserved youth (primarily of color) in the community. We define "low-income" as qualifying for free or reduced lunch, which means that their family income is 130% or 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, respectively. Upon entry into the program, 100% of our participants qualify for free/reduced lunch. Therefore, 100% of our participants are defined as low-income. In addition, 5% of our students are homeless or in the foster care system; 57% come from single-parent homes; 5% have an incarcerated parent; 15% are first to graduate from high school in their families; 62% are first generation college students. Students will be recruited from Northeast HS.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

TSIC Broward expects to serve 35 (includes 10 students funded last year by this grant!) Oakland Park residents and a total of 230 high school students (ages 13-18) throughout Broward County. In addition, TSIC Broward will provide college retention services to 123 college students (ages 18-23) throughout the State of Florida.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

Take Stock in Children's ultimate goals are to increase the high school graduation and college enrollment rates for low-income, at-risk youth:

100% of TSIC students will graduate high school (compared to 67% of their low-income peers; FLDOE, Bureau of Education and Accountability Services 2019-2020).

98% of TSIC high school graduates will enroll in higher education (compared to only 53% of their low-income peers; Low-income: IPEDS, 2013-2014)

75% of TSIC college students will earn a degree (compared to the state average of 27% for students living in poverty; Complete College America).

Proof of the above attainments will be obtained through Broward County Public School records, the National Student Clearinghouse, and Florida Prepaid usage reports.

## 6. CERTIFICATION

If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this proposal and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Amanda Frey**

Name (Printed)

**Amanda Frey** Digitally signed by Amanda Frey  
Date: 2022.10.27 12:14:54 -04'00'

Signature

**Executive Director**

Title

**10/27/2022**

Date

**1. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Organization Name: Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc.  
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Federal Identification Number: 59-1592524 DUNS: 09-608-9552  
National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code(s) (NTEE-CC): Example: Children and Youth Services(P30)  
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**2. REQUEST INFORMATION**

Project/Program Name: Shelter & Services for Oakland Park Domestic Violence Victims  
Requested Funding Amount: \$10,000

*Note: All requests must be for a flat amount of \$10,000.*

Will these funds be used provide matching for a different grant? \_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following:

- Granting Agency: NA
- Grant Name: NA
- \$ Value of Match: NA Match Ratio (City Grant to Match): NA

*If applicable, please include a copy of the external grant award, contract, or other substantiating material as part of your submission.*

**3. PROJECT/PROGRAM DETAILS**

a. Briefly describe your organization.

Women In Distress (WID) is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence (DV) center serving Broward County, FL. Our mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education and advocacy. Our free and confidential services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, 132-bed emergency shelter, advocacy and counseling, therapy, support groups, prevention education and more. Last fiscal year WID served 2,401 survivors of domestic violence and their children.

**b. Explain the objectives of your project.**

Women In Distress' primary objective is to provide an environment and services that will help individuals and families recover from the traumatic effects of victimization and develop an understanding and awareness of the dynamics of domestic abuse by empowering them to gain independence and self-sufficiency. Survivors of domestic violence have the right to a safe, secure home and the capacity to self-determine their violence free future.

WID promotes an environment that is welcoming and accessible to survivors from all cultural backgrounds, familial status, socioeconomic levels, gender identities, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration status, language spoken, mental or physical disability, veteran/military status. Opened in 2018, the Women In Distress Pet Shelter eliminates another barrier for survivors of domestic violence to accessing safe shelter with their pets. WID is one of only 3% of DV centers nationwide with an onsite pet shelter.

Services are designed to meet survivors' most critical needs for safe shelter; food; clothing; transportation; safety planning; advocacy and crisis counseling; children's programming; case management; and information and referral to community providers of healthcare, employment assistance, substance abuse, and other services/resources. Last year, WID provided 20 Oakland Park residents with shelter and support services totaling \$51,567, including 314 nights of safe shelter, 207 hours of advocacy, counseling and therapy, and 7 calls to our 24-hour crisis hotline.

**c. Provide a detailed scope of services explaining what will be accomplished with the funds requested, including how the program will be delivered, where it will be delivered, etc.**

Women In Distress respectfully request \$10,000 to subsidize the cost of providing free and confidential emergency shelter and support services to Oakland Park residents who are affected by domestic violence during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Services will include:

- access to a 24-hour crisis hotline
- emergency shelter (up to 90 days), food, clothing, and transportation
- onsite pet shelter with access to veterinary care
- advocacy and counseling
- safety planning and education on domestic abuse
- individual, family and group therapy for adults and children (age 6 months to 17 years)
- legal assistance to file for Injunctions for Protection (restraining orders)
- family enrichment activities such as
- help identifying safe housing, employment, childcare, healthcare and other resources

Services will be provided at the Jim and Jan Moran Family Center in Deerfield Beach and WID's satellite locations in Broward County, including the Holy Cross HealthPlex in Oakland Park. Outreach (non-residential) services including advocacy, counseling and therapy will also be available by virtual appointment.

The City's support will help keep Oakland Park families safe by ensuring the seamless continuation of these life-saving services, especially during these challenging times. Domestic abuse victims and their families are facing additional stressors known to increase the frequency and severity of domestic abuse, including inflation, financial insecurity, fewer options for support like reliable childcare, and increased substance abuse. According to the National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice's 2021 report, domestic violence abuse increased 8% nationwide since the start of the pandemic, although it is likely higher.

#### **4. TARGET POPULATION**

- a. Define the target population for your project. Please be specific and include demographic information on the population served, geographic location, etc.

WID serves victims of domestic violence abuse and their children. DV is a devastatingly pervasive public health and safety problem. One in three women and one in four men will experience physical violence in their lifetime (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 2022). Child abuse is estimated to co-occur in 45 to 60 percent of homes where DV is taking place (CDC, 2019). Broward County ranks among Florida counties with the most reported DV offenses (FDLE, 2020). All cities are impacted, including the City of Oakland Park which reported 173 DV incidents in 2020. Sadly, these offenses only paint a partial picture since domestic violence is one of the most chronically unreported crimes and is on the rise.

Although WID has no income eligibility requirements, approximately 90% of the population served are low/moderate income level. This is primarily due to financial abuse, which occurs in 99% of DV cases and is the #1 reason for staying or returning to an abusive relationship (IWPR 2018 Survey). Survivors in WID's emergency shelter are considered legally homeless due to domestic violence abuse. Last year children represented over half of the survivors served in WID's shelter. Forty-four percent of survivors served were Black/African American, followed by 33% White, and 14% Other Race. Thirty five percent of survivors also identified as Hispanic in ethnicity.

- b. Estimate the number of Oakland Park residents to be served. If jurisdictions other than Oakland Park will receive services from this funding, please provide a breakdown of other beneficiaries.

With the support of the City of Oakland Park, the FY2023 funding will subsidize the cost of providing Oakland Park residents 38 nights of safe shelter and 102 hours of support services such as advocacy, counseling, therapy, and professionally-led support groups. WID estimates that a minimum of 10 Oakland Park residents will be served during the fiscal year. Only Oakland Park residents will receive services from this funding.

#### **5. EVALUATION**

- a. Describe how you will evaluate the success of your project below. List the quantitative measurements you will use to evaluate your project and explain how you will obtain, verify, and report them.

As stated above, the following quantitative measurements will be used to evaluate this project during FY2022-23:

1. A minimum of 38 nights of safe shelter will be provided to Oakland Park residents.
2. A minimum of 102 hours of support services such as advocacy, counseling, therapy, and professionally-led support groups will be provided to Oakland Park residents.
3. A minimum of 10 Oakland Park residents will be served.



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If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this proposal and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to the City of Oakland Park and verify that the information herein is true, accurate and complete.

**Linda L. Parker, Ph.D.**

Name (Printed)

*Linda L Parker, PhD*

Signature

**President & CEO**

Title

*10/21/22*

Date