

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Safe Children Coalition
2. Date of Submission: 11/15/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Will Robinson  
Members Copied:

### 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No  
***If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E***
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget  <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>  <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					4,856,464	4,856,464

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
  - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
  - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Children and Families
  - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes
  - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.  
Will return the money

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Brena Slater
- b. Organization: Safe Children Coalition
- c. Email: bslater@sccfl.org
- d. Phone #: (941)809-3993

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

- a. Name: Brena Slater
- b. Organization: Safe Children Coalition
- c. Email: bslater@sccfl.org
- d. Phone #: (941)809-3993

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Jerry Paul
- b. Firm: Capitol Access
- c. Email: jpaul@capitolaccessfl.com
- d. Phone #: (850)386-5267

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Safe Children Coalition
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

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

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

Provide adequate services for the children and families in Sarasota, Manatee and Desoto including foster care, protective services, adoptions, prevention/diversion, substance abuse and mental health. Circuit 12 is funding about 20% below the statewide average (-\$4,856,464); this represents 22% of the core funding. For last 5 years, Circuit 12 has become most adversely affected in state due to opioid crisis. Removal of children has more than doubled with 70% of these children under age 5.

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

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Provide the following services to almost 2,500 with Community Based Care and another almost 2,500 children in our Social Services programs: 1) Case Management; 2) Foster Care; 3) Adoptions; 4) Independent Living Services; 5) Prevention-Diversion; 6) Quality Management; 7) Community & Client Relations; 8) Data Services & Client Records; 9) Training; 10) HIPPA; 11)	4,856,464

	School House Link; 12) Achievers; 13) CIN/FINS shelter; and 14) Family Management Counseling.	
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,856,464</b>

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

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

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

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

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Legislative delegations, family Safety Alliance, community providers

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

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

Department of Children and Families presented to both House and Senate

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

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

This funding would bring Circuit 12's funding in step with the statewide average so that it can provide adequate services for the children and families in Sarasota, Manatee and Desoto including foster care, protective services, adoptions, prevention/diversion, substance abuse and mental health. This will assist with paying for beds, housing, therapies, and wrap around services for our most vulnerable population. It will also help reduce caseload to case manager ratios. For last 5 years, Circu

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

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17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)

- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

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

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

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Children will receive wrap around mental health services.	Our children will receive therapies and counseling. We can measure children maintaining in traditional foster homes as opposed to higher level of group care settings. We can also monitor this by monitoring number of adoptions, family reunifications, and foster home stability.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Children can focus on school work and improve their learning when they live in a safe and secure home.	We can measure this by DCF children's placement stability reports. Children that maintain a stable placement have higher educational

		outcomes.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Children can grow, thrive, and not interact with the criminal justice system when they live in a safe and secure home.	We can monitor this by DJJ reports showing number of arrests for the youth in our system.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Children can grow, thrive, become self sufficient, and can contribute to our economy when they live in a safe and secure home.	Our children will have increased self-worth and are more likely to graduate and enter the work force. We can measure this by graduation rates. (DCF report on Post-secondary Education status)
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Children can grow, thrive, and become self sufficient when they live in a safe and secure home.	Our children will have increased self-worth and are more likely to graduate and enter the work force. We can measure this by graduation rates. (DCF report on Post-secondary Education status) We measure extended foster care as well.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	Children can grow, thrive, and not interact with the criminal justice system when they live in a safe and secure home. We coach and support parents so that they can enhance their coping skills so their children do	Our children will learn healthy ways of coping with stress and learn how to be resilient. We can monitor this by tracking recidivism. We monitor families for post-placement supervision for 6 months and children

	not reenter care.	who do not Reenter care within 12 months of permanency. (DCF reports)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Children can grow, thrive, and not start using addictive substances when they live in a safe and secure home. Parents will complete substance abuse treatment.	We can measure this by parents completion of substance abuse treatment and parents maintaining safe/stable and drug-free environment for their children.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Children can grow, thrive, and not interact with the criminal justice system when they live in a safe and secure home.	We can measure this by tracking recidivism and DJJ criminal history reports (DCF Key indicators report)
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	4,856,464	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No

3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,856,464</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

No