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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Girl Matters: Continuity of Care

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Aaron Bean

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/28/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Girl Matters: Continuity of Care Model is a research-based, highly-effective intervention with successful documented outcomes that improves public safety and saves money. This program saves the State of Florida and estimated \$1.3M per year for every 30 girls diverted from residential lock-up. This calculation is based on the latest DJJ budget report (submitted October 2016) which shows non-secure residential per diem at \$247 per day, or \$44,460 per six months (average stay for girls is 6-9 months). Based on a data analysis of the FL DJJ Positive Achievement Change Tool, Assessment (PACT), girls on the First Coast region (Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker, St. John's Counties) reported greater risk factors than girls statewide in every category-physical and sexual abuse, mental health needs, self-mutilation, suicidal ideation and attempts, and family risk factors. (Email for more information)

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Juvenile Justice

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
375,000		375,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	100,000	15.5%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	169,302	26.3%
TOTAL	269,302	41.8 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 644,302

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 2
- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		375,000	375,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$375,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal of the Girl Matters: Continuity of Care program is to slow down the conveyor belt of girls going deeper in the justice system and shut the revolving doors of girls who cycle in and out of the justice system due to unaddressed mental health needs through a multipronged approach that promotes the health and well-being of girls, reduces recidivism rates, and provides alternatives to incarceration.

- b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

1) Individualized Assessment Services- Each girl that is referred will receive a complete intake assessment which includes psychosocial assessment and family strengths and needs assessment. The care manager completes the PAT assessment to determine risk domains. The care manager develops care plans with girls/families, prioritizes needs, and develops strategies to address needs. Assessments may also include Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System Assessment (JAIS), diagnostic assessments as needed, and ongoing feedback surveys. 2) Care Management and Coordination of services- Each girl has access to a 24 hour support line whenever she feels unsafe, needs support, or is in crisis. Each care plan details the interventions to meet the individual needs of girls based on assessment. (Email for more information)

- c. How will the funds be expended?



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Clinicians (2 FTE) \$96,981, Care Managers (2 FTE) \$92,951, Sr. VP Model Programming (.50 FTE) \$50,470, Psychologist (.75 FTE) \$30,000 with 30% benefits, \$81,120	351,522
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage reimbursement for clinicians and care managers to provide services in-home, court, schools, detention centers, etc.	23,478
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		375,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The following summarizes the types and amount of serves to be provided to system-involved girls aged 11-18 and their family members: •Diversion Groups (estimated 24 groups per year/90 girls served annually): Psychoeducational group for girls who are court ordered by the State Attorney’s Office to attend diversion for first time misdemeanor offenses. Groups are designed to improve communication skills and education girls/caregivers about available resources. In addition, girls and families are offered the opportunity to continue individual therapy sessions when needed. •SAVVY Sister enrichment groups in detention (facilitated twice



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weekly 104 groups per year /150 girls annually): The SAVVY Sister (Safety, Action, Values, Victory, Yes I Can) groups are conducted twice weekly in 2-hour sessions with girls in detention. Two separate groups are held at the detention center based on the ages of girls (11-14 and 15-17). (Email for more information)

e. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The Policy Center seeks to sustain the implementation of Girl Matters: Continuity of Care to provide intensive girl-centered care management and crisis intervention services to an estimated 300 underserved girls (and their caregivers) aged 11-17 years old, living on the First Coast, who are in diversion, on probation, in detention, or are returning to the community from residential placement in order to reduce risk factors leading to deeper system involvement.

f. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

•Services provided to an estimated 300 girls and their caregivers who are underserved and are at risk of deeper involvement in the justice system •Increase in access and quality of mental health services (e.g. satisfaction with groups, knowledge of resources and confidence to access services, useful information/lessons) •Girls reporting increase in quality of life indicators (e.g., safety, social supports, relationship to therapist, self-reported positive changes) •Reduced symptomology after six months for girls receiving individual therapy with consistent group attendance •Reduced involvement in the Juvenile Justice System . The Policy Center has a research team that has developed proven processes for measuring and documenting program performance. Below is a description of specific documentation and reporting: •Access to Services/Continuity of Services and Level of Contact (referral database and tracking system): (Email for more information)

g. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

n/a

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

n/a

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center
- b. **County:** Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Saint Johns
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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