

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

FROM: James E. Mills, Executive Director 
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Requested Action

The Juvenile Welfare Board is requested to allocate up to \$4,570 to the Academy Prep Center for Education.

Options

1. Approve the request to allocate up to \$4,570 to the Academy Prep Center for Education.
2. Deny the request.
3. Any other action the Board deems appropriate.

Recommended Action

1. **Allocate up to \$4,570 to the Academy Prep Center for Education students and staff to attend the Florida Middle Level Student Leadership Association (FMLSLA) Conference.**
- 1b. **Direct staff to submit a policy to the Board by November 4, 1999 for out-of-cycle funding requests for youth conferences. Do not allocate additional funds of this nature until such a policy is approved.**

Source of JWB Funds

FY 99-00 Transitional Unallocated Fund

Fiscal Impact

The FY 99-00 Transitional Unallocated Fund will be reduced by \$4,570 from \$459,488 to \$454,918.

Narrative

- Academy Prep Center for Education is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization established in 1997 as a tuition-free private middle school for youth residing in St. Petersburg. Students enrolled must be eligible for the federal free or reduced lunch program. Parents are required to pay a monthly activity fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). The Academy offers intensive academics, recreation, arts, field trips and mentoring to foster a love of learning and desire to achieve. Corporations, foundations, businesses and individuals pay the \$7,000 annual tuition. The Academy is modeled after the Nativity Mission Center on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

- Academy Prep is requesting funds from the Juvenile Welfare Board to pay the cost for 23 students and 2 teachers to attend the Florida Middle Level Student Leadership Association (FMLSLA) conference at the Double Tree Hotel in Tampa, Florida, October 22 - 23, 1999. The conference fees of \$180 per student and \$215 per adult include registration, honorariums, conference materials, lodging and meals. The focus of the conference is goal setting, team building, advisor training, fund raising, organizational skills, communication skills, project planning, and evaluation techniques.
- FMLSLA was founded by middle school principals for the purpose of providing leadership training to middle school students. FMLSLA is recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Student Councils, and the Florida Association of Student Councils.
- The FMLSLA has agreed to waive membership fees of \$30 per person, at a saving to the school of \$750. Shorecrest Preparatory School will provide transportation to the conference at no cost to Academy Prep.
- The FMLSLA conference is a key component of the Academy Prep Program for Leadership Excellence (the APPLE program). The Center has partnered with the Shorecrest Preparatory School and the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) to provide the Academy Prep students with a rich and varied program of leadership and community-building training. Multicultural and leadership seminars are planned at the Center for seventh and eight grade students and also the students of Shorecrest.
- This proposal was initially submitted as a Community Development Grant request, however, it does not meet those criteria. Staff recommends funding this request, because the agency has limited time to secure other funds. Staff also recommends a clear policy be developed that addresses funding requests for youth conferences and that no further requests be considered until such a policy is adopted by the Board.

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