

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

FROM: James E. Mills, Executive Director 
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Requested Action

The Board is requested to allocate up to \$5,000 of one-time-only Community Development Funds for FY 01-02 to the Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free St. Petersburg non-profit community organization to sponsor a Community Youth Summit.

Options

1. Approve the request.
2. Approve an alternate amount.
3. Deny the request.
4. Any other action the Board deems appropriate.

Recommended Action

1. a. Allocate up to \$5,000 of one-time-only Community Development Funds for FY 01-02 to the Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free St. Petersburg non-profit community organization to sponsor a Community Youth Summit.
b. Funding is contingent upon receipt of other requested funds.

Source of JWB Funds

FY 01-02 Community Development Fund

Fiscal Impact

The FY 01-02 Community Development Fund would be reduced by \$5,000 from \$28,000 to \$23,000.

Narrative

In November 2000, The Juvenile Welfare Board provided funding for a planning grant to Bridges of America – the Pinellas Bridge to support the establishment of the Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free St. Petersburg. The Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free St. Petersburg is the community outreach component for Bridges of America. While the core service of The Pinellas Bridge is community-based drug treatment, the Coalition is the community education and prevention component.

The goal of this Coalition is to create a model of outreach and prevention strategies that supports the larger community's initiative for all individuals to receive the support and guidance from their families, neighborhoods, and community to establish and maintain a drug-free lifestyle. The Coalition is committed to community advocacy, training, volunteerism, developing, and implementing specific drug prevention strategies and the coordination of resources and funding.

The Coalition is requesting \$5,000 to host a Community Youth Summit on April 27, 2002. It is anticipated that approximately 300 young people, ages 10 to 17; residing in the Front Porch neighborhoods and Midtown area of St. Petersburg will be served. The purpose of the Summit is to provide the opportunity for young people to share their concerns about their community and neighborhood and discuss those issues that are of most importance to them. The goal is to receive recommendations and suggested strategies from the young people to address issues they face with their peers, at home and school and in their neighborhoods and also to have them share their ideas regarding creating positive initiatives to address their concerns and enhance their community.

The Youth Summit will provide an opportunity to tap into their knowledge and expertise about their peers, neighborhood and community as well as to hear the issues and concerns that are most important to them. The Coalition's Youth Council has responsibility for decisions regarding topics to be discussed such as drug prevention, date rape, peer pressure, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and school discipline and dropout prevention. Sessions may also be available on family communication and neighborhood safety, particularly for younger attendees for whom some topic areas may be less age-appropriate. Youth Council members have also recommended specific individuals they would like to have as guest presenters and session facilitators.

The Coalition has applied to Front Porch Florida and the Department of Children and Families for funds to support the summit. The proposed budget includes the following:

Workshop Budget Line Items	Workshop Budget	JWB Funding
Transportation	600	
Honorariums & travel for Guest Speakers	3,000	1,500
Disc Jockey for Dance	200	
Printing	1,500	1,500
Postage	500	375
Supplies/Materials	300	
Prizes/Incentives	400	
Security	400	
Janitorial	200	
Rental: PA System & Additional Equip.	600	
Recording/Transcription	1,800	
Liability Insurance	1,000	
Photography/Video Service	500	
Youth Summit Coordinator (\$1427)	In-Kind	
T-Shirts (325 @ \$5 each)	1,625	1,625
Food (325 @\$10.40 each)	3,380	
TOTAL	\$16,005	\$5,000

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