

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 \$71,737 to African American Leadership Council, Inc. to provide substance abuse prevention services and kinship care support in the North Greenwood community.

Options

1. Allocate up to \$71,737 to African American Leadership Council, Inc. (AALC)
2. Approve an alternative amount.
3. Seek another service provider.
4. Other options as suggested by the Board.
5. Deny the request.

Recommended Action

1. Allocate up to \$71,737 for the remainder of FY 02-03 to African American Leadership Council NFC to provide substance abuse prevention services and kinship care support in the North Greenwood community.
2. Special Conditions: contract is contingent upon receipt of a full budget, program methodology, employment of a Certified Addictions Professional (CAP) and licensure as a Community Based Substance Abuse program as applicable.
3. Develop a proposed budget for inclusion in FY 03-04 JWB budget.

Source of JWB Funds

FY 2002-2003 budget.

Fiscal Impact

On March 13, 2003 the Board terminated the contract with Sgt. Allen Moore Safehouse. Approval of staff's recommendation would increase the AALC-NFC budget from \$270,387 up to \$342,124.

Narrative

In March, the Board directed that JWB staff recommend options available to insure that services formerly provided by Sgt. Allen Moore Safehouse would continue in the North Greenwood community in April. These services included substance abuse prevention workshops and a kinship group for grandparents whose families had been disrupted as a result of substance abuse among family members.

Staff consulted with Clearwater city staff concerning potential service providers from North Greenwood. From their perspective, the African American Leadership Council was the most appropriate provider of the proposed services from that neighborhood. The African American Leadership Council is successfully fulfilling a city contract for services.

AALC was initially funded in February of 1996. Like other Neighborhood Family Centers, the mission of the program is to empower the neighborhood and strengthen young families in the North Greenwood community. With a funded staff of seven, a number of volunteers and collaborators, the center provides services with an emphasis on youth development to youth ages 10-14. Additional core services include parent training, parent support groups, childcare for participating parents, employment activities, child development screening, computer literacy training, tutorial and homework assistance, after school programming, outreach and linkages to health care. On-going community activities are provided including back to school festivals, health fairs, graduation ceremonies, and assorted field trips for youth.

AALC was previously working in collaboration with Sgt. Allen Moore and currently provides limited substance abuse prevention curriculum in the North Greenwood community. The agency collaborates with the Spiritual Change agency that has staff that are Certified Addictions Professionals.

AALC has submitted the following Budget Request:

Salary/Benefits	\$16,956
Contractual Services	\$24,000
Field Trips	\$22,500
Transportation	\$ 6,000
Other Materials	\$ 500
Educational Materials	\$ 657
Food/Nutrition	<u>\$ 1,124</u>
Total	\$71,737

AALC proposes to offer several strategies to address substance abuse prevention problems in the North Greenwood community. The agency proposes to collaborate with no less than three community organizations to deliver these services. Greenwood Community Health Resources Center, North Greenwood Association and Klassy Kids have already been identified as collaborative partners with AALC.

AALC proposes to provide specific drug prevention workshops for 83 primary youth during the period from May 19, 2003 to September 30, 2003. The agency proposes to provide four (4) one and a half hour sessions for a total of six (6) hours per workshop. Field trips are conducted for all youth who have completed six hours of substance abuse prevention sessions. These field trips will be scheduled to divert identified youth from non-structured, high-risk situations and are designed to introduce them to community-based alternatives that develop pro-social skills.

They also agree to offer a Kinship Care Program. This program will provide services to 13 individuals who are parenting the children of relatives due to the relatives' (parent's) substance abuse issues. The Kinship Care Program will provide these 13 participants with one and a half hour sessions each month from May 19, 2003 to September 30, 2003.

AALC proposes to use flyers, public announcements, current program participants and notifications to public agencies as strategies for outreach. The agency currently has a referral process and service plan system in place.

Staff Resource Persons: Jerry Parker, Contract Manager