

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

FROM: James E. Mills, Executive Director  
Lisa A. Sahulka, Director of Programs & Finance

**Requested Action**

The Board is requested to allocate up to \$13,333 in FY 02-03 (\$40,000 annualized) to the City of Clearwater Parks and Recreation Department to provide recreation and youth development programs to at-risk teens at the North Greenwood Recreation/Aquatic Complex.

**Options**

1. Allocate up to \$13,333 in FY 02-03 (\$40,000 annualized) to the City of Clearwater Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Approve an alternative amount.
3. Other options as suggested by the Board.
4. Deny the request.

**Recommended Action**

1. Allocate up to \$13,333 in FY 02-03 (\$40,000 annualized) to the City of Clearwater Parks and Recreation Department's 'Charting the Course for Youth Program' to provide recreation and youth development programs to at-risk teens at the North Greenwood Recreation/Aquatic Complex.

**Source of JWB Funds**

FY 02-03 budget.  
FY 03-04 Ad Valorem revenues.

**Fiscal Impact**

The FY 02-03 Community Contingency Fund would be reduced by \$13,333 from \$254,283 to \$240,950.  
The FY 03-04 budget would contain an additional \$40,000 in continuation funding for this program.

**Narrative**

The City of Clearwater, Parks and Recreation Department's 'Charting the Course for Youth Program' currently receives \$61,914 in funding from the Juvenile Welfare Board

serve teens and young adults. Over 2,200 square feet of space is dedicated to teen programming. This includes a large art workshop, a teen lounge, and a recording studio. The new facility also includes a double gymnasium, a fitness room, a multi-purpose room, a water activity pool, a lap pool and a one-meter diving board, and a 20 ft. tall, 140 ft. long water slide. The facility opened to the public on January 4, 2003.

A dedicated teen programmer would work to develop a safe haven for community teens and pre-teens ages 12 - 18. Activities would be offered from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm during weekdays with special programs and field trips scheduled on the weekends. There will be a balance of recreation activities and developmental programs scheduled to help youth develop essential assets needed to make the difficult transition to adulthood.

The center will serve a core group of 30 teens through the Teen Leadership Council, and provide activities for over 500 youth in the community. Leadership and interpersonal skills development will be the primary focus of the council. Program activities will be youth-driven. To maintain interest and keep youth active in the program, the actual program format, program specifics, and times will be developed by the council. Community youth will benefit from a variety of programs open to the public and planned by the Council. Program activities will include community service, volunteer activities, sports and games, cultural, performing, and visual arts; field trips, and educational programs such prevention of HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy, and drug abuse. The Teen room is equipped with furniture, computers, and video games. At scheduled times teens will have an opportunity to enjoy a quiet space to do their home work, listen to music, or interact with their peers.

North Greenwood Neighborhood Profile – JWB currently funds 79 programs providing services to 3,639 youth and 1,818 adults in Greenwood. Of the youth residing in this zip code, these programs provide services to 2,014 youth 0-6 and 889 youth 10-14, JWB's Strategic age targets. 2,288 families reside in this community, of which 3,526 are single parent households. 72% of these households's annual income is below \$30,000. Primary services provided are development, parent education and childcare.

Staff Resource Persons: Patricia S. Davis, Senior Contract Manager