



**Community Partnerships Division  
Children's Services Administration Section**

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August 17, 2018

Mayor Beam Furr  
Broward County Governmental Center  
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 421  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Mayor Furr and Members of the Broward County Commission:

As the Chair of the Children's Services Board (CSB) and pursuant to Broward County Advisory Board policies, I am pleased to request approval by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners for the CSB's funding recommendations in the Human Services Department's funding resolution for the Fiscal Year 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial/Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG).

Pursuant to the County's acceptance of the invitation from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to serve as the coordinating local unit of government for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Byrne/JAG funds in the amount of \$416,692, the County's competitive Byrne/JAG Request for Proposals (RFP) process opened on May 1, 2017. Following receipt of the proposals by the Department, there was an extensive review process by staff and community experts. On July 14, 2017, the CSB unanimously supported funding recommendations for Helping Abused and Neglected Youth, Inc. (HANDY) to provide the contracted services to be sent for final approval by the Broward County Commission. Subsequently, a hold was placed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on the release of the funds pending litigation at the Federal level.

On May 10, 2018, the County received notification from FDLE that unexpended funds from FY 2016-17 in the amount of \$195,797 could be re-purposed back into the community rather than being de-obligated and returned to FDLE. It was determined that the funds would be awarded through piggy-back on the FY 2019 General Fund Request for Proposals (RFP) process. South Broward Hospital District dba Memorial Healthcare System (Memorial) is the recommended agency to provide Behavioral Health counseling services which are aligned with the eligible population of focus and priority areas for Byrne/JAG. Memorial has accepted this funding and has the capacity to serve the population in need of these services for the one-year re-purposed Byrne/JAG funding period. On August 17, 2018, the CSB voted unanimously to support the contracted services on the exhibit attached to the resolution for Byrne/JAG funds for FY 2016-17 (re-purposed) and FY 2017-18 totaling \$612,489.



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Additionally, at its meeting on August 17, 2018, the CSB voted to support allocating \$53,582 in FY 2019 General Fund allocations as match to Byrne/JAG funding to support contract administration and ensure grant accountability.

The CSB strongly supports the above recommendations and hopes that they meet with the Commission's approval. Please know that the CSB recognizes all that the Broward County Commission does to improve quality of life for children in our community. We greatly appreciate the Commission's steadfast support for services that adhere to high standards and lead to positive outcomes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Swartzbaugh".

Karen Swartzbaugh, Chair  
Broward County Children's Services Board

cc: Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
Bertha Henry, County Administrator  
Monica Cepero, Deputy County Administrator