

RESOLUTION NO. 09-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A \$2500 GRANT FROM STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS TO A POSITIVE STEP OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

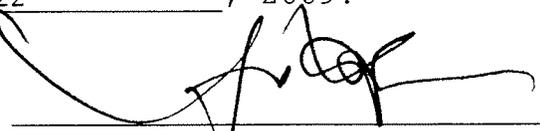
Section 1: That pursuant to Florida Statutes section 932.7055, a \$2,500.00 grant is hereby authorized by the City Commission from state forfeiture funds for use by A Positive Step of Monroe County, Inc. for the purposes expressly authorized by that statutory section.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 21st day of July, 2009.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on July 22, 2009.

Filed with the Clerk July 22, 2009.


MORGAN MCPHERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK

Donald J. Lee, Jr.

Chief of Police



Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

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DATE: 6-11-09

RE: Executive Summary-A Positive Step

Action Statement

The Key West Police Department intends to issue a **\$2,500.00** grant from State Forfeiture Funds to A Positive Step of Monroe County, Inc. This donation is specifically to assist this organization in their efforts to help adolescents with serious behavior problems and drug use. This request complies with the requirements of Florida Statute section 932.7055.

Background

A Positive Step of Monroe County, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to serving the "Highest Risk" youth and their families. They are committed to the rehabilitation of these youth and their families through the use of Evidence Based Programming materials that will allow this population to become useful and productive members of society.

Advantages and Disadvantages

The Key West Police Department needs programs like APSMC to help troubled youth and their families get the help they need. These programs provide assistance to work towards fixing the problems before police intervention becomes necessary.

Financial Impact

The funds used for this pledge will be taken out of the Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund, specifically State Forfeitures. There will be no impact on the City Budget.



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Donald J. Lee, Jr.
Chief of Police



Key West
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

Donate \$2,500.00 to A Positive Step of Monroe County, Inc.

City Manager: _____

City Attorney: _____

Finance: _____



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APS

A POSITIVE STEP

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April 15, 2009

Donald J. Lee, Jr.
Chief of Police
1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd.
Key West, FL 33040

RE: Law Enforcement Trust Fund

Dear Chief:

First and foremost, thank you for your interest in A Positive Step of Monroe County, Inc. and your support of our work in Monroe County. APSMC is respectfully submitting this request for funding from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. We feel strongly that our agency meets all of the targeted areas stated in your outline (see attachment).

Our strongest area of service as it relates to the outline is our Evidence-Based Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT). APSMC is trained and supervised through the University of Miami to utilize this model. BSFT is a problem focused, strategic intervention specialty targeted to adolescents with serious behavior problems and drug use. Additionally, BSFT focuses on strengthening the family's ability to communicate more effectively and elevating the parents to the authoritative positions.

Our next strongest area is our individual and group counseling sessions using the Evidence-Based Phoenix Curricula. Through the use of this curricula we focus on: substance abuse, criminal behavior, decision making, anger management, and pro-social activities.

Finally, APSMC works very closely with the Monroe County Schools and we facilitate our group sessions in the Key West High School five days a week from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Currently we are in need of additional funding to offset our 4% budget reduction and a 9% increase in the cost of our BSFT. We would greatly appreciate any support from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Billy Davis
Executive Director

APSMC

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We realize there is little known about APSMC, even though we have been serving Monroe County's highest risk kids and their families since 1999. Our first contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice was Conditional Release. APSMC developed and still maintains the first Conditional Release Program operated in Monroe County. Conditional Release or Aftercare is to juveniles what parole is to adults. If youth are unable to have a positive response to community interventions, Residential Commitment is the only alternative. APSMC maintains contact with the youth and their families while he/she is in commitment and assists in helping the youth's re-entry back into the community for the first six months after release. APSMC also developed and still maintains the first Day Treatment Program in Monroe County. Day Treatment is the most intensive program offered at the community level and is the last opportunity for a youth before being sent to a Residential Commitment Program. Last year alone APSMC served 53 kids and their families, most of whom successfully completed the program in six months or less. Keep in mind that APSMC is a very small non-profit organization with a staff of five members serving the entire county. Along with thanking you for your support, we thought we would give you more insight into who we are, what we do, and how you can help.

MISSION STATEMENT

A Positive Step of Monroe County, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to serving the "Highest Risk" youth and their families. APSMC is committed to the rehabilitation of these youth and their families through the use of Evidence Based Programming materials that will allow this population to become useful and productive members of society.

Within the framework of our mission, APSMC is uniquely qualified to provide and assist the youth and families of Monroe County with:

1. Re-entry into the Monroe County School system. APSMC works closely with the liaison for the Monroe County School District. The liaison starts to monitor the youngster's academics from the time of their first court appearance until they are released from the juvenile commitment program. The benefit of having a school liaison is to guarantee the youth remains in school and/or attends academic classes while in a commitment program and returns to school after release. APSMC is in monthly contact with the youth and their families while the youth is in commitment. Once the youth is released, APSMC coordinates re-entry into the Monroe County school system within 24 hours of their return home (excluding weekends and holidays).
2. Case Management Services. Kids are assigned a Case Manager as soon as they are admitted to APSMC. The youth Case Manager ratio is 10:1. The Case Manager monitors and assists the youth's progress while in the program. The Case Manager is also the central person for other stakeholders (e.g., Juvenile Probation Officer, court, school) to contact concerning the youth's progress.
3. Family therapy. APSMC provides in-home family therapy to the youth and their families through the use of the Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT) Evidence Based Curricula. The University of Miami provides all BSFT training and supervision.
4. Youth counseling services. APSMC provides counseling services to the youth five days a week through the use of the New Freedom/Phoenix Evidence Based Curricula.

Funded through the State of Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

5. Mental health and substance abuse counseling services for the youth and their families. APSMC is not a mental health program. However, during the intake if mental health services are indicated or during the monthly contacts with the youth's commitment program mental health follow-up is recommended, we refer to one of the mental health clinics in the county. Additionally, APSMC has sought out private providers and arranged a sliding scale fee that APSMC pays if the wait is long at one of the local clinics. APSMC only provides substance abuse education and relapse prevention; we now refer serious cases to the local mental health clinics. Support is offered through APSMC and the 12-Step community.

6. Tutorial services for clients in need of additional academic assistance. APSMC provides academic assistance through the Monroe County School District or through volunteers. We also assist the youth with learning materials.

SUMMARY

A Positive Step of Monroe County, Inc. has a history of commitment and dedication to meeting the needs of the most underserved and the highest risk adolescents in Monroe County. Furthermore, APSMC uses evidence based materials to ensure that this population has every available opportunity that every other youngster has to be a useful and productive member of society.

There are several reasons how the community benefits from APSMC as a community-based organization. First, there is the cost of services; it costs the taxpayer \$75.00 per day per child to keep the youth at home while receiving services, and \$91.10 to \$156.40 per child per day in a residential commitment program. Secondly, if the child receives services in the community where he/she lives, they learn to work within the framework of society. Next there's the benefit of the family unit learning to work through their issues together, and finally there is the benefit of the child knowing the community cares and wants to help.

Once again I thank you for taking the time and interest in the efforts that A Positive Step of Monroe County, Inc. is doing in our community. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Finally, I certify that all of the information contained in this request is true and accurate to the very best of my knowledge.