

**CSC TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR FY 2023-24 CONTINUING PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS**

May 11, 2023

**FY 23-24 Program Funding Recommendations**

The Team reviewed 45 funding requests in four priority categories with consideration of multiple factors including: prior funding level, outcome performance, spending history, maintenance of successful programming, changing expense line requests, and other sources of funding. Specific emphasis was placed on review of spending history and salary levels in light the competitive employment environment. When applicable, Team recommendations were applied to specific program line items. Team recommendations are presented below by CSC funding categories. Programs were well aware, before submission, of the likelihood that increases might be limited based upon available funding for FY 23-24 and the possibility of level Team recommendations.

**TOTAL RECOMMENDED:      \$9,399,748 for 4 priorities      4.8% increase of \$435,218 over prior year**

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<b>MAKING SURE EVERY BABY IS A HEALTHY BABY</b>	<b>5.7% increase</b>	<b>\$1,929,988</b>
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Programs that ensure the health and proper development of newborns.

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**Easter Seals - Early Steps**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$220,882
FY 23-24 Request:	\$231,926
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$229,279

Continue support of program for in-home, natural environment-based services for birth to 3 year old infants with developmental issues. Provide budget support based on historical spending as requested.

**FL Department of Health - Sisters Empowering Sisters Doula Program**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$111,865
FY 23-24 Request:	\$ 86,580
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$ 86,580

Addresses support for improved level of service including home & hospital visits before delivery and six months follow-up coordination for lactation support and family problem solving resources for 60 at-risk families based on historical spending and requested amount. Decrease in overall budget from prior fiscal year due to availability of Medicaid reimbursement.

**Healthy Start Coalition -Healthy Families - Match**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$388,462
FY 23-24 Request:	\$423,494
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$389,191

Maintain local 25% match requirement plus additional funding to serve additional families. Continue support above local match requirement for historical line items at an increase based upon requested amount for staff salary support.

**Healthy Start Coalition - Newborn Home Visitation -**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$391,759
FY 23-24 Request:	\$520,295
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$422,479

Team recommendation reflects current program structure of 2 nurses, plus a per diem floater nurse, providing traditional coverage for two SLC hospitals' deliveries of SLC moms. Continues support for two SLC RN positions to draw down significant funding from Nurse Family Partnership for key entry point into infant health continuum of care.

**Helping People Succeed - BRAIN Program**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$208,718
FY 23-24 Request:	\$242,509
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$242,508

Addresses support for current level of service including second home visit for infant massage or baby calming training sessions for 150 at-risk families based on historical spending and requested amount.

**Helping People Succeed - Infant Family Resources**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$222,416
FY 23-24 Request:	\$283,402
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$259,476

Support for current level of services in both Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce including active skill building through group play/parental bonding support activities. Increase in level of staff salary support based upon requested amount.

**Martin Health – Cleveland Clinic - 4<sup>th</sup> Trimester Mother/Baby Home Visitation**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$183,900
FY 23-24 Request:	\$228,480
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$193,095

Recommendation addresses total number of SLC babies being delivered with a significant shift to Tradition Medical Center in SLC by PSL families and continues targeted secondary visits to support healthy mom & baby during the critical months after delivery based upon effort to reach CDC Healthy Family guidelines.

**Treasure Coast Food Bank - Healthy Kids Benefits Outreach**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$ 97,882
FY 23-24 Request:	\$148,380
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$107,390

Local funding to increase health insurance outreach efforts for eligible children. Includes continued support for a third bilingual Navigator position to provide community outreach and enable families to obtain coverage. Improve County-wide health insurance navigation access through Treasure Coast Food Bank.

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**KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL****2.45% increase****\$2,482,269**

Programs that ensure that children are prepared to learn at school and develop positive academic skills to enable them to achieve their greatest potential while remaining in school.

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**Area Agency on Aging - Foster Grandparent Mentoring Program**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$15,000

FY 23-24 Request: \$15,000

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$15,000

Local support toward academic mentoring program at five SLC elementary schools. Primary funding from State agency to support local mentoring efforts.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters - BBBS Reads - Match**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$240,196

FY 23-24 Request: \$237,407

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$210,961

Maintain local match for reading mentoring program with additional services to pre-K 4 year olds as requested. Slight reduction in allocation due to historical underspending of BBBS Reads member stipends.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters - Reading Bigs**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$52,500

FY 23-24 Request: \$52,500

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$52,500

Continue Reading mentoring program for grades K-2 at 15 targeted elementary schools across the county as requested.

**Boys & Girls Club - A+ Attendance Support**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$317,095

FY 23-24 Request: \$342,414

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$320,466

Continue support for truancy reduction program targeting eighteen elementary schools with increased support of staff positions.

**Club Pure, Inc. - Project ROCK North**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$146,958

FY 23-24 Request: \$187,086

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$144,273

Continue to support alternative to suspension program at current program level to reflect average daily attendance at this site.

**Early Learning Coalition of SLC - Subsidized Child Care Program - Match**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$ 650,000  
FY 23-24 Request: \$1,000,000  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$ 670,000

Support maintenance of local match. Draws down over \$4.3M funding from the State. Local Match increased requirement anticipated. Continues collaborative support effort with Career Source for FATES initiative and additional funds to cover administrative costs.

**FL Dept. of Health SLC – Sunny Smiles Pediatric Oral Health Services**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$56,000  
FY 23-24 Request: \$56,000  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$56,000

Support successful pediatric oral health examination and education program with primary focus on Early Learning Coalition childcare centers and elementary/K-8 school populations.

**FL Dept. of Health SLC – School Nurses - Match**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$240,000  
FY 23-24 Request: \$240,000  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$240,000

Continue local partnership match in support of 8 of 10 school nurse positions serving 26 elementary and K-8 schools as requested. Provides support for an immunization nurse for the schools. Balance of program funded by SLCHD and BOCC General Revenue.

**Helping People Succeed - Help Me Behave**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$259,669  
FY 23-24 Request: \$418,999  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$319,137

Increased support to add one behavior specialist to address increased demand for services based upon continued success addressing problem behaviors affecting school readiness & success. Maintains successful expansion into VPK centers for children without prior group/classroom style childcare experience.

**PACE Center for Girls - PACE Transition Services**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$101,261  
FY 23-24 Request: \$105,005  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$103,451

Focus program support on three counselor positions that are primary for success of transition component and return to traditional school setting targeting female teens.

**Project ROCK South, Inc. - Project ROCK South**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$190,553  
FY 23-24 Request: \$250,031  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$193,318

Continue current level of support for alternative to suspension program with minor increase of salaries for staff at PSL location.

**Roundtable of St. Lucie County – Kids at Hope**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$156,359
FY 23-24 Request:	\$162,682
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$157,163

Maintain support for this cultural framework to engage entire community in supporting success for all children with goal of increasing protection for children in the community by training adults to be intentional with believing in, engaging, and connecting with youth.

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**KEEPING KIDS OFF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, & OTHER RISKY BEHAVIORS 6.5% increase \$2,123,663**

Programs that promote positive decision-making among youth to ensure teen wellness, healthy lifestyles focusing on prevention of substance misuse and teen pregnancy.

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**Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County – VOICES!**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$ 51,880
FY 23-24 Request:	\$106,434
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$ 60,457

Continue support for second year for program that teaches resiliency and resistance to substance abuse and other risky behaviors to pre-teens and teens currently operating in six BGCSLC Clubhouses.

**Children’s Home Society of the Treasure Coast – Teen Life Choices**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$198,967
FY 23-24 Request:	\$227,836
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$206,405

Continue program support that targets teen pregnancy prevention and promotes a healthy lifestyle and sound decision-making skills using group settings targeting youth aged 10-18 years.

**Families of the Treasure Coast – Parent Teen Community Connection**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$265,671
FY 23-24 Request:	\$265,671
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$265,671

Maintain level funding to continue program promoting the strengthening of developmental relationships within and around families to help kids be and become their best selves.

**Florida Community Health Centers – Adolescent Health Program**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$111,641
FY 23-24 Request:	\$110,000
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$110,000

Continue support for programming to provide St. Lucie County teens, aged 11-18 with comprehensive health care services including counseling on prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STI's), consequences of unprotected sex, peer pressure and unhealthy lifestyles.

**FL Department of Health St. Lucie County – Teen Choices**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$209,772
FY 23-24 Request:	\$225,590
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$210,940

Continue support of teen pregnancy & disease prevention program, focused on risk & harm reduction, healthy relationships & positive decision making by providing teens with individual case management and group education, providing accurate information regarding physical & emotional issues regarding their reproductive health.

**In the Image of Christ – Directed Growth Girls Program**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$129,000
FY 23-24 Request:	\$177,574
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$111,920

Maintain support for peer-led, group-level, social-skills training intervention designed to reduce risky behaviors among female 12- to 18-year-olds, who are at high risk of pregnancy and substance abuse.

**New Horizons of the Treasure Coast – Student Assistance Program (SAP)**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$503,223
FY 23-24 Request:	\$551,061
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$536,312

Continue support of evidence-based substance abuse and violence curricula to students in Kindergarten to grade 8 in St. Lucie County, including the district-mandated “Too Good for Drugs” program, which is provided to every 5th grader in the county. The skills taught in these programs help to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors.

**Project LIFT – Project LIFT Boys Program**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$175,000
FY 23-24 Request:	\$282,650
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$257,119

Increase support to innovative program delivery of mental health and substance abuse treatment services provides therapy through the unique platform of vocational training. Addition of therapist and case manager to reduce wait list and increase number of youth to be served.

**Roundtable of St. Lucie County - Ignite Youth Alliance**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$148,430
FY 23-24 Request:	\$148,339
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$148,339

Maintain support for this gang Prevention strategy for the Lincoln Park Community area as a local Roundtable collaborative effort. CSC providing matching funds with BOCC, United Way and Hunt Foundation.

**The Inner Truth Project – Inner Truth Teen Program**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$199,500
FY 23-24 Request:	\$227,000
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$216,500

Continue effective program direct services and outreach to adolescents & teens (ages 10-19) who have experienced sexual trauma.

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**KEEPING KIDS OFF THE STREET****5.1% increase****\$2,863,818**

Programs that provide positive activities and promote self-work and empowerment of children and youth while helping to keep them off the streets during Out of School Time (OST).

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**ALPI - Computer Assisted Tutorial**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$108,359

FY 23-24 Request: \$108,359

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$107,249

Continue funding for out-of-school program with increased emphasis on stabilization of staffing and increase of population being served.

**Arc of St. Lucie County – Alternative Behavioral Learning Environment (ABLE) After-School Program**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$133,820

FY 23-24 Request: \$133,820

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$132,575

Continue support of program for children with disabilities that are served year-round at Westside expanded location with goal of increasing population being served.

**Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County - CORE Clubhouse Program**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$ 885,198

FY 23-24 Request: \$1,240,827

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$1,048,769

Expanded support for program staff at seven club locations with inclusion of Westside teen workforce readiness population. CSC support focuses on improved educational support services in an effort to achieve attendance and academic outcomes. Recommendation incorporates additional funding to expand offering of successful Workforce Readiness programming year-round.

**E.N.D. IT! – E.N.D. IT!**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$144,632

FY 23-24 Request: \$185,130

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$157,616

Continued support for after-school activities for middle and high school youth focusing on homework assistance, tutoring, hands-on digital arts, visual arts and performing arts. Teens are involved in various aspects of creating, marketing, and performing high quality original productions.

**Frontline for Kids, Inc. - Frontline for Kids**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$108,409

FY 23-24 Request: \$216,384

FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$122,853

Focus CSC support increase on current hands-on program staff salaries. Other administrative, operational and growth expenses to be provided by Frontline organization and other funders.

**Future Generations - After School Music Enhancement**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$94,726
FY 23-24 Request:	\$99,128
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$97,626

Continue this targeted after school music enhancement program with support for staff alignment. Improvement seen in average daily attendance, targeted population served, and quality of proposal.

**Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida - Leadership Experience (GSLE)**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$58,123
FY 23-24 Request:	\$60,321
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$56,223

Shift to hybrid model: Girl Scouts to continue to partner with St. Lucie County schools, after-schools, and youth development agencies to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Will also serve 85 elementary school girls and 15 middle school girls twice per month for the entire year with the goal of guiding girls towards transformational leadership.

**Helping People Succeed – Helping Kids Succeed After School Program**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$181,135
FY 23-24 Request:	\$194,401
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$194,401

Provide increased support for specialized afterschool activities at Westside campus for children ages 5-14 diagnosed with emotional, behavioral and learning disorders through structured, positive skill building with homework support, social skills and academic tutoring. Program to increase daily attendance from 50 to 58 youth due to demand for specialized services.

**Helping People Succeed - Helping Youth Succeed After School**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$ 96,743
FY 23-24 Request:	\$100,494
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$100,494

Continue to support this targeted after school program for behaviorally challenged population at requested level of funding with increase for program staff.

**Multi-Cultural Resource Center, Inc. – Next Level**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$221,779
FY 23-24 Request:	\$261,114
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$207,359

Continue support of this year-round afterschool and family resource program addressing family needs with small decreased level of funding based on current spending patterns, changes in management and staffing.

**Save Our Children - Tutorial, Cultural, Rec. Enhancements**

FY 22-23 Budget:	\$150,540
FY 23-24 Request:	\$200,000
FY 23-24 Recommendation:	\$173,695

Continue program support of staffing and infrastructure with focus on literacy and tutoring efforts. Increased funding of two part-time tutors to support pre-pandemic level of demand for services.

**The Lindsay School of the Arts - Community Cultural Arts Program**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$132,100  
FY 23-24 Request: \$210,000  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$207,475

Continue support of Community Arts programming that has been well accepted by both Ft. Pierce and Port St Lucie families. Recommend increase in support for shift of full-time staff from 1099 contracted employees to W2 employees.

**Tykes & Teens – Afterschool Counseling Program**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$157,475  
FY 23-24 Request: \$180,196  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$102,483

Targeted effort to provide trauma informed care counseling services at afterschool programs with staff increase from pilot effort. Recommend decrease in funding due to historical underspending related to staff turnover.

**YMCA of the Treasure Coast - YMCA Afterschool St Lucie**

FY 22-23 Budget: \$180,026  
FY 23-24 Request: \$189,506  
FY 23-24 Recommendation: \$155,000

Continue support of targeted after school and summer program with five locations (Bayshore and Village Green Elementary schools in PSL & F. K. Sweet, CAST, and Weatherbee in Ft Pierce). Focus support on maintaining staff with reduction to other expense lines.

<b>Summary of four priorities:</b>	<b>Amount Rec.</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>Making Sure Every Baby is a Healthy Baby</b>	<b>\$1,929,998</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>Keeping Kids in School</b>	<b>\$2,482,269</b>	<b>2.45%</b>
<b>Keeping Kids off Drugs, Alcohol and Other Risky Behaviors</b>	<b>\$2,123,663</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>Keeping Kids Off the Street</b>	<b>\$2,863,818</b>	<b>5.18%</b>
<b>Total for four priorities</b>	<b>\$9,399,748</b>	<b>4.85%</b>