

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM****SUBJECT:** Children, Youth, and Families At Risk (CYFAR) - Grant Application**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services**DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services**AUTHORIZED BY:** Lisa Spriggs**CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero**EXT:** 7125**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve to partner with the University of Florida to submit a grant application to the US Dept of Agriculture requesting \$225,000.00 through their CYFAR Program for a program at the Midway Safe Harbor.

County-wide

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**BACKGROUND:**

The US Dept of Agriculture offers the Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk Sustainable Community Projects Grant Program to Cooperative Extension Systems so that they, in collaboration with other organizations, can develop and deliver educational programs to equip at-risk youth with the skills they need to lead positive, productive, contributing lives.

Seminole County Extension Services identified a need for an afterschool program at the Midway Safe Harbor for teens ages 12-19. The University of Florida evaluated this need along with others throughout the state and selected Seminole County to be one of two sites for which the grant would be pursued.

If awarded, the grant would provide \$45,000 per year for a five-year period to fund the Involving Teens in Community Issues Afterschool Program. The focus of the program content will be investigating timely and relevant issues within the Midway community. Teens will analyze issues, develop research strategies, and develop appropriate citizenship action plans to be implemented in collaboration with community partners for the purpose of remediating problems and issues within the community.

As the applicant, the University of Florida would be responsible for administration of the grant and any associated costs outside of the grant award, including the funding of a position for implementation of the project. Extension Services staff would oversee the project, ensuring the terms and conditions of the grant are met at the local level. There is no financial match required.

The application was submitted by the University of Florida on December 16, 2008. Staff is seeking Board approval to allow Seminole County's portion of the application to remain in the competition for funding consideration.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve to partner with the University of Florida to submit a grant application to the US Dept of Agriculture requesting \$225,000.00 through their CYFAR Program for a program at the Midway Safe Harbor.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Project Summary

<b>Additionally Reviewed By:</b> No additional reviews
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**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT  
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: US Department of Agriculture

DATE DUE: December 16, 2008

PROJECT TITLE: Involving Teens in Community Issues Afterschool Program

DEPARTMENT: Community Services/Extension Services

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Gerald Culen Ph.D., Associate Professor – University of Florida

PROJECT MANAGER(S): Barbara Hughes/Shelda Wilkens/Shane Michael - Extension Services

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The *Involving Teens in Community Issues Afterschool Program* will increase the quantity and quality of programs serving at-risk teens and their families as well as to continue building the capacity of Florida Extension to serve at-risk populations. Two after-school programs are proposed in two communities where no comprehensive after-school programming exists for teens. These programs will reach mostly low-income, Hispanic and African-American teens in the 12-19 age range. The focus of the program content will be investigating timely and relevant issues within the respective communities. Teens will analyze issues; develop research strategies including data collection, asset mapping and surveys to investigate issues. Teens will then develop appropriate citizenship action plans to be implemented in collaboration with community partners for the purpose of remediating problems and issues within the community. Teens become involved in the decision making process.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$225,000 (\$45,000 per year for 5 years)

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): None

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$225,000

THIS PROPOSAL IS A:

NEW GRANT

CONTINUATION GRANT

SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

GRANT FUNDING IS:

COMPETITIVE

ENTITLEMENT

CONTRACT