



## KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE

The Jacksonville Partnership  
for Children, Youth & Families

### HYBRID BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

10:00 AM

Jacksonville Public Library / <https://zoom.us/j/91733566026>

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**Kids Hope Alliance**  
**The Jacksonville Partnership for Children, Youth and Families**  
**1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32206**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

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| <b>Meeting Information</b><br><br><b>Date: October 21, 2020</b><br><b>Location: Zoom Meeting</b> | <b>Board Member Attendance:</b> |                   |   |                  |
|  | N                               | Kevin Gay- Chair  | Y | Tyra Tutor       |
|  | Y                               | Dr. Barbara Darby | Y | Dr. Marvin Wells |
|  | Y                               | Rebekah Davis     | Y | Donna Orender    |
|  | Y                               | Rose Conry        |   |                  |

ZOOM Meeting: (616) 558-8656 Meeting ID 951 5612 8001

**Advisory Staff:** Diane Johnson, Office of Public Defender; Laura Lothman, State Attorney’s Office; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; The Honorable LeAnna Cumber, City Council; Beth Frederick, Jacksonville Public Library

**City Staff:** Julia Davis, Office of General Counsel

**KHA Staff:** Mike Weinstein, Dr. Saralyn Grass, Delores Williams, Travis Williams, Cory Armstrong, Joyce Watson, April Hart, Lenora Wilson, Rodger Belcher, Mary Nash, John Everett, Kenneth Darity, Katoia Wilkins, Tyrica Young, Dae Lynn Helm, LaRaya Strong, Julia Riggins, Ruth Waters, Shari Shuman, Sylvester Pinckney, Deborah Sibley and other staff members

**Guests:** Leon Baxton, Bod Tedeschi, Debbie Verges, Jerome Baltazar, Jennifer Jerles, Mary Bishop, Beth Friederichs, Colby Allen, Terri Florio, Desiree Jones, Erin Mangan, Sara Simpson, Colby Allen, Keto Porter, Bryan Jones, Robyn Perlman, Vicki Waytowich, Heather Corey, Kristin Carter, Teresa Mathney, Atheia Inman, Maria McNair, Twilia Washington, and others

| <b>Agenda Items</b>  | <b>Action/Outcome</b>   |
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| <b>CALL TO ORDER</b> | Dr. Barbara Darby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. Dr. Darby said that Chairman Gay would not be in attendance and that she will preside as Chair. Dr. Darby introduced the Board Members and liaisons present for recording purposes and then proceeded to explain the Zoom instructions.  |
| <b>PRESENTATION</b>  | Dr. Darby asked to set aside the order of business for a moment to highlight a few things which were taking place. She shared that tomorrow is the annual Lights on Afterschool Celebration. This event will be via held via Zoom at 10 am. Dr. Darby asked that all interested parties email <a href="mailto:OST@coj.net">OST@coj.net</a> to get more details and the Zoom invite. KHA staff has been working with our providers and will spotlight the students from Jacksonville Arts and Music School, (JAMS) and Don’t Miss a Beat, so please tune in. |

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|   | <p>Communities in Schools, (CIS) has helped to register fifty high school students to vote. She also shared that Jacksonville is one of thirteen cities to receive a grant from the National League of Cities which will focus on the needs of post- secondary students to help improve college completions and support workforce success. Dr. Darby mentioned that Dr. Wells was concerned about this at the last meeting and said hopefully this will address the low college enrollment of young black males. Finally, Dr. Darby mentioned that Feeding Northeast Florida hosted a corner market here at KHA's parking lot which provided nutritious meals to thirty families.</p> |
| <p><b>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</b></p>     | <p>Dr. Darby asked for a motion to approve the September 16, 2020 Board summary. Rose Conry made the motion to approve the summary and Dr. Marvin Wells seconded it. Dr. Darby asked for discussion and public comments. With none being heard the motion to approve the summary was passed.</p>  |
| <p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</b></p>    | <p>Ms. Tutor gave a report from the finance meeting which took place on October 14, 2020. She stated that the Finance Committee was provided a detailed analysis of the finance report ending on August 31, 2020. KHA was able to encumber funds from fiscal year 18/19 and 19/20. The Finance Committee discussed and approved the two action items which were presented and answered all questions. Ms. Tutor stated that all finances are on track and that the Finance Committee would be reviewing a preliminary report at their next meeting. Ms. Tutor thanked Mr. Weinstein and staff for all of their great work.</p>  |
| <p><b>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</b></p> | <p>Dr. Darby delivered the Governance and Program Committee Report from the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee discussed and approved the two items on the agenda. Dr. Darby asked if there were any questions about the meeting before asking Mr. Weinstein for an update for the Board's return next month. Mr. Weinstein said that he would talk more about it during his CEO's report.</p>  |
| <p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>              | <p>Dr. Grass provided a brief summary on the action items listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One-month extension of seven contracts. This action will allow these contracts to have the same end date as the other contracts.</li> <li>• Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant no cost extension. This action will allow this contract to be in line administratively with the others.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Darby then asked for approval of the consent agenda. Donna Orender made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Rose</p>   |

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|                                  | <p>Conry seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. With none being heard, Dr. Darby asked all in favor of passing the consent agenda to signify by saying “aye”. All were in favor and the motion was passed.</p>   |
| <p><b>I.G. REPORT STATUS</b></p> | <p>Ms. Tutor provided an overview of the findings from the Counsel Auditors report on KHA grants. Ms. Tutor said that the report will be finalized sometime in November. She shared that there have been numerous reviews and recommendations and that staff have been working to implement the processes by the time the report is released. The grant reports consisted of an investigation into the CEO’s conduct, Faith-Based Programs and Stop the Violence mini grants.</p> <p>Then, Shari Shuman shared that she has been working with staff to implement grant policies and guidelines to ensure that providers comply with requirements. Ms. Shuman said that a number of recommendations will be implemented by KHA and the City is also writing new guidelines which will cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office relationships</li> <li>• Conflicts of interest</li> <li>• Administrative leave and unpaid leave when an investigation is being conducted on a city employee</li> <li>• Acceptable use policy on city cellphones and devices</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Shuman discussed the recommendations and findings of the Faith-Based and Stop the Violence mini grants, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of oversight by KHA program managers</li> <li>• Monthly reports not being provided by the agencies</li> <li>• Left over funding that was never closed out by KHA</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Shuman asked if there were any questions or clarification needed. Mr. Weinstein congratulated staff for making the necessary changes and encouraged them to continue implementing said changes.</p> <p>Dr. Darby asked how contracts are managed, if they are a City or KHA function and added that audits help to strengthen an organization. Dr. Wells asked if the audits were just for the two groups mentioned or all of the KHA grant. Ms. Shuman explained that it was just the two groups as they were part of the initial investigation which stemmed from the past CEO claims against the Mayor’s office. Mr. Weinstein added that the improvements will be implemented throughout KHA.</p> |
| <p><b>CEO REPORT</b></p>         | <p>Mr. Weinstein reviewed plans for the November meeting. Staff have been working to coordinate the meeting at the downtown public library. Mr. Weinstein said that he has taken all of the Board’s concerns on air quality, safe distancing and being able to invite the public to attend safely into consideration. He also stated that if the Board decides to not have committee meetings that he can meet with Board members individually to go over the agenda</p>  |

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|                              | <p>and answer any questions prior to the November Board meeting. All members agreed that the one meeting in November would work best. Donna Orender mentioned her concerns for public meetings and the safety of staff returning to work. Mr. Weinstein said Board members can decide if they want to meet next month and that there is nothing too pressing which cannot wait until December if that is what the members decide. Julia Davis talked about the Sunshine Law, having a quorum and the fact that the City is working on guidelines for all Board meetings going forward. The Board decided to move forward with plans to have the November meeting at the Library.</p> <p>Mr. Weinstein provided a staff update and mentioned that a few staff members are in the appeals process with the City and that most of them have been denied and will be returning to work. Measures are being made to make the building as safe as possible. Mr. Weinstein talked about the reorganization of KHA and that he would have something to present to the Board in January. Ms. Orender asked what the reorganization would look like and Dr. Darby asked for clarification on his plans. Ms. Orender also added that staffs' safety and stress levels should be taken into consideration when the decision was made to deny them the ability to work from home due to the COVID pandemic.</p> |
| <p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p>   | <p>Lenora Wilson, Director of Early learning, introduced Robyn Perlman of the Business and Leadership Institute for Early Learning. Ms. Perlman talked about returns on investments and helping small childcare providers build a quality business and offer competitive wages. Other topics of discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accreditation</li> <li>• Standards for best practices</li> <li>• Lower teacher to child ratios</li> <li>• Tax reductions</li> <li>• Increasing social outcomes</li> <li>• Cost reimbursements</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Wilson said there are four family home childcares and six childcare centers already enrolled in the academy and KHA is helping them to navigate through the process.</p>   |
| <p><b>PUBLIC COMENTS</b></p> | <p>Stanley Scott made comments about KHA and also offered his services.</p> <p>Dr. Darby asked that a section be added to the agenda for Board comments.</p> <p>Dr. Wells provided an update on the Race Equity meetings and the training sessions being held at KHA. He announced that a Youth Training Session would be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and one for the providers on December 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Dr. Wells then asked if staff could arrange an ethics training for all Board members. Julia Davis said that she would work with her</p>  |

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|                    | office and KHA staff to get something on the calendar.<br>With no other discussion items or comments being made, the meeting was adjourned. |
| <b>ADJOURNMENT</b> | The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Darby at 11:36 a.m.  |

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**BOARD ACTION ITEM: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FUND THE JAX KIDS BOOK CLUB AND STORY JOURNEYS PROGRAMS WITH THE JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES CATEGORIES: EARLY LEARNING AND OUT OF SCHOOL TIME**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: N/A**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: N/A**

**BOARD MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

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**TO: KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: MIKE WEINSTEIN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**REQUESTED ACTION**

The Board is asked to:

1. Authorize the Kids Hope Alliance (“KHA”) to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Jacksonville Public Library (the “Library”) to accomplish the following two objectives:
  - (a) the Library will provide operational services for the Jax Kids Book Club, and KHA will provide \$25,000 to the Library to administer these services.
  - (b) KHA will provide \$40,000 to the Library to provide its Story Journeys Summer Learning Program.
2. Authorize the CEO to execute the MOU and any additional steps necessary to fulfill the MOU requirements, inclusive of filing legislation, if required.

**NARRATIVE:**

Funds to operate the Jax Kids Book Club are held in the Jax Kids Book Club Education Special Revenue Fund under Section 111.880, Municipal Code (the “Trust Fund”). KHA is authorized and directed to solicit sponsorships and funds for contribution to the Trust Fund and to make disbursements for purposes of specified operations of the Jax Kids Book Club.

The purpose of the MOU is to allow the Library to assume the operations of the Jax Kids Book Club. This is meant to be more in line with the Kids Hope Alliance direction in Chapter 77 to fund Providers, Small Providers, Agencies and other entities to provide children’s services for the City and not to provide those services in-house. The Jacksonville Public Library has shown the capability to recruit business sponsors and manage the manufacture and distribution of books. The Library has agreed to provide Jax Kids Book Club services to Jacksonville’s 9,000 4-year-old children.

The Library’s Story Journeys Literacy Enrichment Summer Program is a literacy enrichment program designed to supplement current summer camp programming. Through an application process the Library received 55 applications from summer camps reaching 11,000 students requesting to be a part of the Story Journeys program. The Story Journeys program has a written weekly curriculum for literacy enrichment that the library staff will provide and deliver to camps. Program success will be measured using student reading time logged on a classroom tracker. Classes that meet their reading goals throughout the summer will receive a free book for each of their campers.

This program aligns directly with KHA's strategic goals to support literacy and increase outcomes for kids in out of school time programs.

This MOU will agree to provide \$25,000 to the Jacksonville Public Library to assist in administering the services of the Jax Kids Book Club, and \$40,000 to cover the cost of staff to administer the Story Journey literacy program for a cumulative total of \$65,000. Upon approval of this Board Action Item, Kids Hope Alliance and the Jacksonville Public Library will enter in an agreement as outlined in the MOU to be executed through the Office of General Counsel.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Cumulative \$65,000; with \$25,000 administering the Jax Kids Book Club and \$40,000 administering the Story Journey literacy program. \$50,000 of the total will come out of the Early Learning department, with an additional \$15,000 coming from the Out of School Time department.

**GOVERNANCE/PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT:**

This action requires board approval.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Vote to approve recommendation.
2. Decline to approve recommendation.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.



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**BOARD ACTION ITEM: CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (CJMHTSA) GRANT – NO COST EXTENSION 11/1/2020 – 4/30/2021**

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES CATEGORY: JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

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**TO: KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: MIKE WEINSTEIN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

The Board is asked to:

1. Approve a six month extension of the CJMHTSA contract between Kids Hope Alliance and Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. The extension period is November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
2. Authorize the CEO to execute a contract amendment and all other documents necessary to accomplish the purposes of this request.

**NARRATIVE:**

KHA receives a Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse grant from the Florida Department of Children and Families (“DCF”). The primary goal of the grant is to identify and refer youth with mental health or substance use, or co-occurring issues, who could benefit from diversion services that are offered by this program. This would help to prevent them from going deeper into the juvenile justice system. DCF approved a six-month extension of the grant period to allow KHA to use remaining grant funds.

Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. (JFCS) is one of two sub-contractors that provide services for this contract. Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. (“MATCH”) is the other. At its October 21, 2020 meeting, the KHA Board authorized an extension of the contract with MATCH. In preparing the earlier request for Board approval, the JFCS contract was inadvertently not included.

The overall budget for the No Cost Extension CJMHTSA contract, for the period 11/1/2017 – 4/30/2021

| <i><b>PROGRAM</b></i>                         | <i><b>CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD</b></i> | <i><b>NCE AMENDED CONTRACT PERIOD</b></i> | <i><b>DCF GRANT AMOUNT</b></i> | <i><b>LOCAL CASH (MATCH)</b></i> | <i><b>LOCAL IN-KIND (MATCH / JSO)</b></i> | <i><b>TOTAL CONTRACT</b></i> |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grant (CJMHTSA) | 11/1/2017 – 10/31/2020                | 11/1/2017 – 4/30/2021                     | \$1,200,000                    | \$180,000                        | \$1,020,000                               | \$2,400,000                  |

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND OUTCOMES**

The same goals and outcomes as presented on October 21, 2020, for the Managed Access to Child Health, Inc., are presented for this provider as well. Both providers work collaboratively to implement the program’s goals.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND OUTCOMES (11/1/2017 - 7/31/2020):**

| SERVICE TARGET                             | LIFE TO DATE: 11/1/2017 – 7/31/2020                | % of Lifetime Achieved |
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| # - of juveniles screened/assessed [2,700] | 3,898  | 144%                   |
| SERVICE TARGET                             | LIFE TO DATE: 11/1/2017 – 7/31/2020                | % of Lifetime Achieved |
| # - of juveniles screened/assessed [975]   | Y-1/ 535; Y-2 / 593; Y-3 / 347; <b>Total 1,475</b> | 151%                   |
| # of participants trained in MHA* [240]    | Y-1/ 277; Y-2 / 263; Y-3 / 53; <b>Total 593</b>    | 247%                   |

\*Law enforcement officers completed Mental Health First-Aid Training

| PROGRAM GOAL  | LIFE TO DATE: 11/1/2017 – 7/31/2020  |
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| 80% reduction in the total number of re-arrests among enrolled program participants who successfully completed the program compared to the one-year period prior to program admission.  | 14 re-arrests<br>83 total 1-year period prior to prog admission<br>83% reduction in the total # of re-arrests  |
| 75% reduction in the total number of re-arrests among successfully discharged program participants within the one-year period following program discharge compared to the one-year period prior to Program admission.   | 56 total priors; 20 re-arrests<br>100- 20/56 = <b>64%</b><br>reduction in the total number of <b>re-arrests</b> among successfully discharged program participants |
| 50% of eligible Program participants (diagnosed 17 and 18 years old) not employed at Program admission shall be employed full or part-time <b>within 180 days</b> of Program admission.   | 74 Eligible; 13 Employed<br>13/74 = <b>18%</b>   |
| 75% of eligible Program participants (17 and 18-year old) not employed at Program admission shall be employed full or part-time <b>one year</b> following Program discharge.<br><br>[we started to collect this data point November 1, 2018 because the youth had to have been discharged one year] | 125 Eligible; 19 Employed; 30 Unable to contact; 1 Run away; 4 Incarcerated; 1 Deceased<br><br>19/125 = <b>15%</b>   |
| 60% of Program participants (diagnosed) who were eligible, but not receiving, social security or other benefits at program admission shall be <b>assisted</b> with applying for such benefits <b>within 180 days of admission.</b>  | 34/34<br><b>100% assisted</b>  |
| 90% of Program participants shall be diverted from a State Mental Health Treatment Facility   | NA (MH treatment facilities do not exist for youth)  |

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No additional funding is required.

**GOVERNANCE/PROGRAM IMPACT:**

This action requires Board approval.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Vote to approve staff recommendations.
- 2) Decline to approve staff recommendations.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

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**BOARD ACTION ITEM: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: MAYOR'S YOUTH AT WORK PARTNERSHIP INTERN PROGRAM**

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES CATEGORY: PRE-TEEN AND TEEN**

**BOARD MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

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**TO: KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: MIKE WEINSTEIN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

The Board is asked to:

- 1) Approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Mayor's Youth at Work Partnership (MYAWP) intern program with the minimum qualifications, scope of services, evaluation criteria and performance metrics substantially in the form presented to the Board.
- 2) Authorize the CEO of Kids Hope Alliance to execute a contract with the most highly evaluated bidder(s) under the RFP as awarded in accordance with the City of Jacksonville's Procurement Code.

**NARRATIVE:**

Successful applicants under this RFP will implement the service option in the Mayor's Youth at Work Program. The service option will primarily consist of providing 300 youth (age 16-21) with school year and summer work based experiences at minimum wage or higher and is part of a larger roadmap designed to build an integrated high school to high wage system for Jacksonville youth. KHA anticipates funding a model(s) that will strengthen Jacksonville's workforce development system and help young people gain the support, educational credentials, and skills needed to succeed in today's and future economies.

The overarching goals of MYAWP are to provide 500 youth with a set of work-related experiences that prepare them to succeed in employment. MYAWP will help participants achieve the following objectives:

- Develop social skills including communication, critical thinking, decision-making and problem-solving skills, and self-management.
- Learn work norms and culture.
- Understand career pathways and decision points, including the linkages among educational attainment, relevant experience, demonstrable skills, and career advancement.
- Build professional networks.
- Learn to manage money (e.g., budgeting, opening a bank account).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

KHA has made up to \$500,000 available for an organization(s) to provide effective MYAWP programming serving a minimum of 300 youth. An additional \$600,000 will be made available exclusively for youth salaries

**GOVERNANCE/PROGRAM IMPACT:**

This action requires Board approval. The RFP and the Award of the Contract are also subject to approval of the City's Competitive Sealed Proposal Evaluation Committee.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Vote to approve.
2. Decline to approve.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

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**BOARD ACTION ITEM: YOUTH TRAVEL TRUST FUND APPLICATION:  
JACKSONVILLE CHILDRENS CHORUS**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:** N/A

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** N/A

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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**TO: KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: MIKE WEINSTEIN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

The Board is asked to:

1. Approve a request for funding from the Kids Hope Alliance, Youth Travel Trust Fund, to the Jacksonville Children's Chorus.
2. Authorize the CEO to execute any contract or legal document necessary.

**NARRATIVE:**

The Jacksonville Children's Chorus received the following invitations:

- The FLACDA Conference is titled FEARLESS...In the Art of Choral Music: Cultivating our Choral and Cultural Competencies October 25, 2019
- Stetson University Tenor/Bass Festival, January 20, 2020
- Savannah's Invitational Choir Festival February 7, 2020 at the Yamacraw Center for Performing Arts
- The American Choral Directors Association 2020 Southern Region Conference in Mobile, Alabama, March 10-14, 2020
- Twenty (22) youths traveled per invitation.

A Community Service Project will be decided upon to take place in Jacksonville before May 2021.

In February 2020, the Jacksonville Children's Chorus was preparing to apply for a pending trip to New York City. This trip would have met the \$25,000 KHA grant limit, and the JCC had not planned on applying for any other travel made during the season. However, once the COVID-19 pandemic reached the U.S., all summer travel plans were canceled or postponed. Then, once it was clear that any travel would not be possible, those plans were also canceled. For this reason, the provider is now retroactively applying for funding to help cover the costs that were incurred for the singer travel earlier in the season.

KHA staff has reviewed the application and it meets all requirements for funding contained in the Youth Travel Trust Fund Ordinance and related KHA Board policies.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The amount requested for all trips is \$3,721.98, 21% of the total cost of \$17,961.54. Jacksonville Children's Chorus has received a total of \$67,834.16 in YTTF funding from 2007-2019, and all requirements from prior applications have been met. YTTF balance as October 1, 2020: \$61,695.75, balance if current requests are approved in the November Board meeting: \$57,973.77.

**GOVERNANCE/PROGRAM IMPACT:**

This request requires KHA Board Approval.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Vote to approve
2. Decline to approve

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

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**BOARD ACTION ITEM: NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROJECT**

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES CATEGORY: SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**GOVERNANCE MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2020**  
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**TO: KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FROM: MIKE WEINSTEIN, ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

The Board is asked to:

- 1) Authorize KHA to apply for a grant from National Association of VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) Assistance Administrators for National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project (NCVRW), April 18, 2021 to April 24, 2021.
- 2) Authorize the CEO to execute a grant contract and any other documents necessary to fulfill grant requirements.

**NARRATIVE:**

*Name of the grant:* National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators, National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project (NCVRW).

*Overview:*

The National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project is managed by the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) under a cooperative agreement with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U. S. Department of Justice. NAVAA is a non-profit organization whose members are the agencies in every state designated to administer (pass-through) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance formula grants.

**Public Impact and Focus on Victims of All Types of Crimes**

NCVRW CAP's intent is to promote National Crime Victims' Rights Week and to enhance the *general public's awareness* of the rights and services for victims of all types of crimes. The application will describe a project that will impact the *general community* at large, rather than a narrow or select audience and can involve a public event, mass media advertising, the production of printed materials or the distribution of promotional giveaway items.

For the purposes of KHA, the application will focus on the production of print materials on the topic of childhood trauma and toxic stress stemming from exposure to crime and violence. These materials will be dispersed through local housing communities, the office of Victim's Assistance and KHA partnering agencies. Included in these print materials will be resources for connecting children to therapeutic and healing services. Through offering these educational and awareness resources to the community, this grant will lead to an increase in the number of children seeking services.

*Does this align with the Kids Hope Alliance Ordinance and Essential Services Plan?*  
The grant aligns with the areas of Special Needs and Juvenile Justice.



*Does this address a requirement of an existing grant?* No.

*How many children will be served/ impacted?* The grant will benefit all youth served in KHA programs.

*Is this associated with an existing contract or program?* No, but current contracted agencies may be partners.

*Is there Kids Hope Alliance funding (cash or in-kind) required? If so, provide details.* No cash match or in-kind services are required.

*What partners or partnerships are involved?* KHA will partner with KHA contractors that may provide support services to families effected by crime and other community partners such as the Office of Victim's Assistance and local housing developments.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The grant available is for \$5,000. No cash or in-kind services are required.

**GOVERNANCE/PROGRAM IMPACT:**

The funded activities will be conducted during or close to National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 18-24, 2020. The project will promote the availability of trauma/crime victim services in the community and the focus of funded activities and materials will be on National Crime Victims' Rights Week and not exclusively or primarily on KHA.

**OPTIONS:**

This grant opportunity is due November 19, 2020. The board is asked to approve the submission of a grant application.

1. Vote to approve.
2. Decline to approve.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

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**BOARD ACTION ITEM: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (DCPS)**

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES CATEGORIES: OUT OF SCHOOL TIME**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: N/A**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: N/A**

**BOARD MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

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**TO: KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: MIKE WEINSTEIN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**REQUESTED ACTION**

The Board is asked to:

1. Authorize the Kids Hope Alliance (“KHA”) to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Duval County Public Schools (the “DCPS”) to accomplish the following objective:
  - Authorize the sharing of data between KHA and DCPS in order to perform a longitudinal study regarding the efficacy of KHA Out of School Time Programs.
2. Authorize the CEO to execute the MOU and any additional steps necessary to fulfill the intent of the authorization given in (1) above.

**NARRATIVE:**

The objective of this study is to determine the efficacy of out-of-school time student aid programs funded by The Kids Hope Alliance. Program analysis will include the student level academic and behavioral results of participants enrolled in after school programming. The relevant data will be provided by Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) for the most recent school year 2019/2020 and for the preceding school year 2018/2019. Individual student results will be compared to control groups made up of anonymous students of similar demographics from the same geographic and school locations for the same two school years, but that did not participate in KHA funded after school programs.

The term of the MOU expires in 2021 and shall be automatically renewed and extended for 3 additional one-year renewal periods through 2024.

Because the study is on behalf of the DCPS to better facilitate and administer student aid in the form of out of school time programs funded by the Kids Hope Alliance, the FERPA Studies Exception not requiring consent for data sharing, will be granted pursuant to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (34 CFR § 99.31(a)(6)).

Study results must be presented to DCPS as part of the agreement outlined in the protocol titled, *Out-of-School-Time Student Aid Efficacy Study of Programs Funded by The Kids Hope Alliance*. Additional reports or analysis based on the shared data and not expressly related to the required study to be presented to DCPS are authorized, but DCPS will have the right to review, prior to KHA publishing any subsequent reports or findings related to the study to ensure that such reports are not published in any manner that violates the privacy or confidentiality of the parents or students involved.

The study will seek to address a series of experimental questions based on the following:

Hypothesis A: Children enrolled in Duval County Public Schools who receive student aid in the form of standardized KHA afterschool programming will have better academic, behavioral and school attendance results than students with similar demographics who did not receive that form of student aid.

Hypothesis B: Children enrolled in Duval County Public Schools who receive student aid in the form of standardized KHA afterschool programming and who receive a higher dosage of afterschool programming will have better academic, behavioral and school attendance results than students receiving a lower dosage of afterschool programming.

The outcomes measured for participants at the program level will help to baseline student and program level performance and support reliable data driven decision making related to student aid in the form of after school programming. In addition to a finalized MOU, the study is contingent upon a favorable Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval by a private commercial third party organization fully accredited through the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact

**GOVERNANCE/PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT:**

This action requires board approval.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Vote to approve recommendation.
2. Decline to approve recommendation.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.