



SPECIAL EVENTS FUNDING/DONATION REQUEST PROGRAM INFORMATION GUIDE

Organizations or individuals seeking funding from the City of Margate must complete the Special Events Funding/Donation Request Application for Organizations or the Special Events Funding/Donation Request Application for Individuals. The amount requested cannot exceed \$1,000 per organization or individual. Organizations or individuals must submit said application and necessary documentation to:

City of Margate
City Clerk's Office
5790 Margate Boulevard
Margate, FL 33063

For requests by both organizations and individuals, the funding request must further a public purpose as determined by the City Commission. If the requestor is an individual, the individual must be a City of Margate resident. If the requestor is an organization, the organization must:

- Be a non-profit organization, either with Articles of Incorporation filed with the Florida Department of State, or for those non-profits organized within another state, be registered with the State of Florida as a foreign corporation.
- Be in existence and operating within the State of Florida for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of application to the City for a donation.
- Submit in addition to their application: (1) a copy of their 501(c)3, 501(c)4, or 501(c)6 notification letter; (2) a copy of their current Form 990 (if your organization is required to file this document); (3) a copy of their last completed audit; and (4) annual budget.

After receipt of the application, all applications shall be presented to the City Commission at the next regularly-scheduled City Commission meeting. The City Commission, at its sole discretion, shall determine which organizations or individuals are awarded funding. All decisions of the City Commission are final and binding. Once funding has been approved, the approved amount will be provided to the organization or individual. Please note that reports of service delivery/expenditures of any funds and/or receipts may be required. If an organization or individual is awarded a donation for a particular purpose/event, and the event is canceled, a full reimbursement to the City is required. Organizations and individuals may apply for one donation per fiscal year. Organizations or individuals that have failed to meet a reimbursement obligation in previous years or additional conditions of approval will not be eligible for future consideration until all prior obligations have been fulfilled.



SPECIAL EVENTS FUNDING/DONATION REQUEST APPLICATION FOR ORGANIZATIONS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Organization Description (cont.):

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. (WID) has been the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center in Broward County for over 41 years. Our mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education, and advocacy. We are committed to serving women, children and men living in unsafe situations because of domestic violence. Services at Women In Distress are offered confidentially and at no cost to the survivors of domestic violence no matter their race, sex, age, religion, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran or military status, immigration status or language spoken. Although there are no income requirements to be eligible for services, approximately 90% of the adults and children served by the agency are low/moderate income level, in accordance to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition.

Women In Distress works to accomplish our mission through a 132 bed-emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, advocacy services, therapy and other critical wrap around services to families affected by domestic violence. Women In Distress' services are designed to address individual needs and empower survivors to live a self-determined, violence-free life. Accommodations are made to meet all language needs, as well as the needs of those with disabilities. Currently, groups and individual sessions are available in English, Spanish, Creole and Portuguese, and sign language interpreters are available to those who require them. In addition to these services, WID continually offers education and professional trainings to educate the community about this sensitive yet critical issue.

Please describe the intended use of requested funds and indicate the time period you are requesting these funds for (cont.):

Women In Distress of Broward County is respectfully requesting \$1,000 to offset the cost of providing services to women, men and children who are residents of the City of Margate and are experiencing domestic violence. Funding will support services for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Women In Distress is committed to serving all victims of domestic violence. It is estimated that 40% of women affected by domestic violence have children under the age of 12 living in their home. WID utilizes an empowerment-based model when providing service. These confidential

services are offered free of charge to survivors of domestic violence no matter their age, gender, race, sexual orientation, immigration status, or socio-economic standing. Accommodations are made to meet all language needs, as well as the needs of those with disabilities. Services offered to survivors of domestic abuse includes:

- **Emergency Shelter:** The emergency shelter is at the heart of Women In Distress' mission. When a victim of abuse makes the difficult decision to leave their abuser and come to Women In Distress, our focus at this critical time is to address their immediate needs so they don't have to worry about how they're going to feed their family or where they're going to get clothes since many leave with just the shirt on their back. With those immediate needs met, they're able to focus on the healing process and take steps toward rebuilding their lives. Participants are provided shelter for up to 90 days, food, bus passes, medical prescriptions, as well as vouchers to the Women In Distress Thrift Store to obtain clothing for their family as well as furniture when they transition out of shelter.
- **24-Hour Crisis Hotline:** The 24-Hour Crisis Hotline (954-761-1133) is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide emergency intervention and information on available services. The crisis line can also be reached at the TTY/TDD number (954-527-5385) for those that are hearing impaired.
- **Advocacy & Support Groups:** Through individual sessions, advocates assist domestic violence survivors with creating and maintaining an individualized safety plan, and providing case management that focuses on identifying services and resources the participant may need. Advocates also facilitate support groups that allow participants to explore their experiences in an open and safe environment.
- **Therapy:** The Therapy program provides clinical assistance to individuals who are suffering from symptoms of domestic violence abuse that are impacting their ability to function on a day to day basis. The goal of therapy sessions is to reduce the effects of trauma due to victimization and enable survivors to re-engage in daily activities.
- **Family Services:** With parental consent, age-appropriate services are offered to children ages 0-17. Services include a safety plan fitted to the individual child's needs, emergency shelter, and respite care while parents receive services, individual counseling and support groups broken up into age and gender categories.
- **Education & Prevention:** Women In Distress' focus is not only the immediate safety of the families we serve, but also on reducing and eliminating violence in our community and society. By providing participants and their families, as well as the community, with education on the issue of domestic violence, people are given the tools to participate in healthy relationships.

Women In Distress provided these critical services to 186 City of Margate residents last fiscal year at a cost of T\$57,361.94. Services provided included:

- 571 nights of safe shelter provided to 11 residents (length of stay is up to 90 days)
- 49 residents were provided with non-shelter Outreach services including individual counseling, group support, children's services, and transitional assistance.
- 126 calls from Margate residents seeking help were made to the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline

Please provide a needs statement (cont.):

Domestic violence does not discriminate – it occurs among all ethnic and racial groups, across all socioeconomic backgrounds, in urban, suburban and rural areas alike. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, on average, more than three women a day are killed at the hands of their husbands or boyfriends. At that rate, 225,374 of the 901,495 women living in Broward County (2010 U.S. Census Bureau) will experience domestic violence at some point in their life. The exposure of young children to such violence is occurring at an alarming rate. The U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and fatalities in this country.

The 2014 Florida Department of Law Enforcement reports 6,213 cases of domestic violence in Broward County, with an increase in manslaughter, murder, aggravated stalking, and simple assault from the previous year. The City of Margate Police Department reported a total of 159 offenses during this timeframe, including forcible rape and aggravated assault offenses. And these offenses only paint a partial picture, as domestic violence is one of the most chronically underreported crimes.

Last fiscal year, Women In Distress experienced a 38% increase in domestic violence victims who were in need of emergency services and it is projected that our agency will continue to serve an increasing number of individuals. WID continues to see an increase in the number of Margate residents seeking our services, with the number of shelter nights provided more than tripling in FY 2015.

Explain the public benefit to the City of Margate and its citizens from the City funds received (cont.):

Financial instability coupled with our nation's lack of affordable housing can dramatically reduce options for victims of domestic violence, who are often faced with the difficult decision of remaining in the abusive relationship or risking severe poverty and homelessness to escape. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the 2009 U.S. Conference of Mayors annual report on Hunger and Homelessness identified domestic violence as the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Specifically in Broward County, a 10 year plan to end homelessness titled "A Way Home" was created in 2005 and was based on research that focused on the causes of homelessness and barriers that the homeless population faced. Throughout Broward County, surveys were conducted in homeless shelters, transitional

housing facilities and public areas. The results of the surveys indicated that domestic violence was one of the leading causes of homelessness in Broward County and Women In Distress is the only certified shelter in Broward County dedicated to addressing homelessness due to domestic violence.

Financial abuse occurs in nearly 100% of domestic violence cases, so when survivors arrive at our shelter in search of safety and future economic independence, we must first use short-term solutions and help meet their immediate basic needs. According to the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, when asked to list consistent barriers victims face, survivors often cite affordable housing, jobs that pay a living wage, quality affordable childcare and a fair and sensitive justice system.

With funding from the City of Margate, Women In Distress will ensure Margate residents have access to supportive services and community resources, and have established personalized safety plans and self-determined goals. Families affected by domestic violence will be given the resources to transition to a self-sufficient, violence-free life.

Demonstrate how you will evaluate your results. These measures need to be directly related to the need and expected outcome (cont.):

If awarded funding, Women In Distress will track the following performance indicators to measure the success of the proposed Emergency Shelter project:

- Indicator #1: 80% of Margate shelter residents will partially or fully-complete the goals outlined in their service plan.
- Indicator #2: 70% of Margate shelter residents will indicate and secure safe transitional or independent housing during departure.
- Indicator #3: Of the 15% of Margate residents that Women In Distress is able to contact within 90 days of exiting shelter, 70% will remain in safe housing.
- Indicator #4: 90% of Margate shelter residents will establish a safety plan within 72 hours of arriving at shelter.

These performance measures have been utilized to measure the long-term effectiveness of the Emergency Shelter program and have been demonstrated as effective indicators of long-term impact.

If awarded funding, Women In Distress will track the following performance indicators to measure the success of the proposed Outreach project:

- 100% of Margate residents registered for services will complete an in-depth safety plan.
- 80% of Margate residents will partially or fully complete the goals they outlined in their service plan.

- 100% of Margate residents will be assessed and provided information on available public and internal resources to assist them with their basic needs and goals.
- 80% of Margate residents, who can be contacted, will report satisfaction with services and an increased level of knowledge regarding their rights as domestic violence survivors.

Please list other sources and amounts being requested from other agencies (cont.):

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence: \$1,783,677.52
 Victims of Crimes Act: \$121,014.00
 Broward County: \$27,319.00
 City of Coconut Creek: \$5,000.00
 City of Dania Beach: \$2,000.00
 City of Deerfield Beach Law Enforcement Trust Fund: \$1,000.00
 City of Deerfield Beach: \$10,000.00
 City of Hallandale Beach: \$20,000.00
 City of Hollywood: \$20,000.00
 City of Lauderdale Lakes: \$2,000.00
 City of Miramar Law Enforcement Trust Fund: \$1,000.00
 City of North Lauderdale: \$2,000.00
 City of Oakland Park: \$5,500.00
 City of Pembroke Pines: \$12,000.00
 City of Pompano Beach: \$3,000.00
 City of Tamarac: \$1,500.00
 City of Weston: \$3,500.00
 City of Wilton Manors: \$1,500.00
 Coral Springs Community Chest: \$5,000.00
 Town of Davie: \$5,000.00
 Town of Lauderdale by the Sea: \$3,000.00
 Town of Pembroke Park: \$3,000.00
 Town of Southwest Ranches: \$1,500.00