

GUARDIAN AD LITEM



Guardian Ad Litem

Summary

Budget FY19

Chf Grdn
Jdg Ltr

	Base Budget FY18		Requested Budget FY19		Recommended Budget FY19	
	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Recurring						
Base Budget	1	68,042	1	68,042	1	68,042
Increase fo FY18 Personnel				(478)		(478)
Increase health insurance				5,598		5,598
Increase to maintain levels of State Employees compensation				6,263		
	1	68,042	1	79,425	1	73,162
Non-Recurring						
	1	68,042	1	79,425	1	73,162

Key: 0010018418				FMD
Major Object: 510000				Changes
				4.3.18
512000	Regular Salaries	38,076	Increase from 33,210	38,076
514000	Overtime	0		0
521000	FICA Taxes	2,541		2,913
522000	Retirement Contribution	2,497		3,016
523001	Health Insurance	6,717		12,264
523002	Life Insurance	100		114
523003	Long-term Disability	100		114
523004	Flex Benefits	350		350
Major Object: 530000				
540005	In County Travel	0		
541001	Telephone	300		300
541002	Postage	675		675
541003	In House Communications	4,862		
544003	Data System Recovery	5,230		
546003	Automated Systems	7,260		
547000	Printing & Binding	350		350
551000	Office Supplies	3,000		3,000
552000	Operating Supplies	850		850
Total for 001.0018418		72,908		62,022
Key: 1940018419				
Major Object: 530000				
541003	In House Communication Charges			4,862
544003	Data System Recovery Charge			5,230
546003	Automated Systems Maintenance			7,260
Total for 194.0018419		0		17,352
Guardian Ad Litem Total Budget Request		72,908		79,374

FMD-B FISCAL YEAR 19

Department Guardian Ad Litem
 Program Name/Program #
 Project/Title
 Project/Decision Unit #
 Account Key

Regular Salaries		(Include Pay Differential, if applicable)					
FTE	Account Key	Position Title	Hourly Rate	Annual Hours	Attrition 0.97	Number of Months	Annual Salary
1.00	1 0018418	GAL Team Leader		2080	\$0	12	\$38,076
					\$0		\$0
					\$0		\$0
					\$0		\$0
					\$0		\$0
512000 Total Regular Salaries (A)							\$38,076
OPS Salaries		(not to exceed a 6-month period)					
# of Pos	Pay Grade	Position Title	Hourly Salary	Annual Hours	Reason for Hiring OPS Position		Annual Salary
							\$0
							\$0
513000 Total OPS Employees (B)							0
Overtime							
# of Pos	Pay Grade	Position Title	Hourly Rate	Est. OT Hours	Reason for OT		Total Overtime
							\$0
							\$0
514000 Total Overtime (C)							0
521000 FICA Total A + B + C x					0.0765		\$2,913
522000 Retirement Total* A + C x					0.0792		\$3,016
523001 Health Insurance					\$11,824		\$12,264
Per each position No of Positions:					1		
523002 Life Insurance Total					0.003		\$114
523003 Long Term Disability Total					0.003		\$114
523004 Flex Benefits Total					\$350		\$350
# of regular employees with 30 or more scheduled hours					1		
Total Personnel Cost							\$56,847

Retirement rates, Flex Benefits & Health Insurance updated 11/29/2017

*For EMS Acct Key 0010007101 use 23.27% Retirement

For use in calculating personnel costs to be entered in the Staffing Requirements Tab

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551000	Office Supplies	3,000	
552000	Operating Supplies	850	
Key: 1940018419			
Major Object: 560000			
564000	Machinery and Equipment	0	



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March 2, 2018

Ms. Priscilla Whisenant Trace, Chairman
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners
1112 Manatee Ave. West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

Dear Chairman Trace:

Pursuant to Florida Statute §29.008(2)(c)(2) and Manatee County Resolution R-13-31, I am certifying the local requirements for Manatee County for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2018. In accordance with the above, I have contacted the 12th Circuit State Attorney, the 12th Circuit Public Defender, the Executive Director of the Second District Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel and the Trial Court Administrator, or their representatives. According to Florida Statute §29.008(2):

“(2) Counties shall pay reasonable and necessary salaries, costs, and expenses of the state courts system, including associated staff and expenses, to meet local requirements.

(a) Local requirements are those specialized programs, nonjudicial staff, and other expenses associated with specialized court programs, specialized prosecution needs, specialized defense needs, or resources required of a local jurisdiction as a result of special factors or circumstances. Local requirements exist:

1. When imposed pursuant to an express statutory directive, based on such factors as provided in paragraph (b); or

2. When:

a. The county has enacted an ordinance, adopted a local program, or funded activities with a financial or operational impact on the circuit or a county within the circuit; or

b. Circumstances in a given circuit or county result in or necessitate implementation of specialized programs, the provision of nonjudicial staff and expenses to specialized court programs, special prosecution needs, specialized defense needs, or the commitment of resources to the court’s jurisdiction.”

I am certifying that all programs and services currently funded by Manatee County under the provisions of Florida Statute §29.008 are necessary local requirements that need to continue to be funded at the same levels by Manatee County.

1. I am again requesting that the counseling services for Drug Court be completely funded from general revenue, not a hybrid of general revenue and grant funding awarded by the Manatee County Public Safety Coordinating Council. This request is endorsed by the Manatee County Public Safety Coordinating Council, as it would allow the grant funds that it awards each year to be distributed to new and innovative public safety programs and services in the community. Transitioning all of the drug court counseling services to general revenue funding will cost only \$155,000.

2. In addition, the State Attorney's Office has separately made a budget request to Manatee County to fully fund its Drug Court Coordinator staff position. Due to the growth of the Drug Court program, this once part-time position funded by the County at 50% now requires the dedication of a full-time coordinator. This position is essential in carrying out the needs of this program as well as the needs of Veterans Court and TYLA Court, all local, specialized programs; therefore, their request includes the budget necessary to fully fund the position at 100%. The increase needed to support the full-time staff person is \$42,267

3. I am also renewing my request for Manatee County to fund a guardianship monitor. If you recall, last year we presented information to you during a work session that demonstrated the benefits incurred to Sarasota County residents because of the guardianship monitor working for the Court in Sarasota County. The guardianship monitor reviews every new guardianship case to make sure the ward is being well taken care of and reviews older guardianship cases to make sure that there are no unaddressed issues and that the ward is in the least restrictive situation possible. If you recall, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, we created a toll-free "hotline" that the public can use to anonymously report guardian abuse or concerns in Sarasota County that the guardianship monitor will investigate. The program has demonstrated such enormous benefits to the citizens that the Court is again requesting that Manatee County fund a similar position for the wards who reside here in Manatee County. The cost would be approximately \$40,000 for salary, plus benefits, plus \$1,000 in expense dollars to cover travel within the county.

In summary, our request is to fully fund the Drug Court counseling program with general revenue funds, fund the State Attorney's office for its Drug Court position, and fund a local guardianship monitor position. I am certifying that these requests are necessary local requirements to be funded by Manatee County.

I know I speak for all the agencies noted above that we are very grateful for the funding that we receive from Manatee County and trust that you and your fellow commissioners see the value of these programs to the citizens of our community.

Again, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Williams".

Charles E. Williams
Chief Judge

cc: Mr. Ed Hunzeker, Manatee County Administrator
Manatee County Commissioners
Hon. Ed Brodsky, 12th Circuit State Attorney
Hon. Larry Eger, 12th Circuit Public Defender
Hon. Angel Colonnese, Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller
Hon. Ita Neymotin, Executive Director, Second District Office of Criminal Conflict and
Civil Regional Counsel
Mr. Walt Smith, Trial Court Administrator

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**GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM
12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT – MANATEE COUNTY**



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Mission Statement:

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Vision Statement:

The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program will provide a powerful and effective voice on behalf of Florida’s abused, abandoned and neglected children and be recognized as a respected member of the child welfare professional community.



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We Advocate for:

- ▶ Children - birth to age 18 in the dependency court system
- ▶ Young adults - over 18 who opt to remain in extended foster care until age 23
- ▶ 699 Manatee County children with 238 certified Volunteer Child Advocates
- ▶ 80% of our children have a Volunteer Child Advocate



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Our Manatee County GAL Staff

State Employees: 20

- 1 Circuit Director**
- 1 Assistant Circuit Director**
- 5 Child's Best Interest Attorneys**
- 1 Supervising Attorney**
- 7 Child Advocate Managers**
- 1 Recruiter**
- 1 Trainer**
- 2 Administrative Assistants**
- 1 HR Liaison**

Manatee County Employees:

- 1 Vacant Team Leader Position**



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OUR COMMITMENT:

- ▶ Partner effectively with Manatee County government and community partners to provide 100% advocacy representation for the abused, abandoned and neglected children in our County
- ▶ Provide every dependent child in Manatee County with a certified Volunteer Child Advocate who will advocate for the child's best interest



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FY 19 GAL Preliminary Budget

FY 2018 Adopted: \$68,042

Total FTEs: 1

FY 2019 Requested: \$79,425

Total FTEs: 1



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THANK YOU!

**MANATEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND
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I am for the child who has been abused.
Who doesn't want to go home.
The child who no longer believes in herself.

I am for the child who has been
neglected.
Who doesn't know where her next meal is
coming from.
The child who must be the parent to
his siblings.

I am for the child who was taken away for
her own protection.
The child who is now in foster care.
Who doesn't know who these people are.
Or how long he'll be there.

I am for the child who's lived in five foster
homes in a single year.
Who's attended six schools in four years.
Who sits in back of yet another classroom,
surrounded by strangers.

I am for the child who one day will turn
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