

## Response to Questions on the FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Supervisor Hudgins

**Question:** What is the status of funding for the Girl Power Program?

**Response:** The *Girl Power!* program in CSB Prevention Services has continued to operate in FY 2004 despite the expiration of a three-year *Girl Power!* grant awarded to the CSB in FY 2001 by the Governor's Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP). This grant was used to develop community capacity by providing non-profit providers with curriculum, training and funding to provide Girl Power services throughout the County. The grant funding paid for non-profit provider staffing, materials and the annual Girl Power conference.

The program, which serves 600 girls between the ages of 10 and 15, teaches a strong 'no use' message about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, while providing opportunities for girls to build skills and self-confidence in academics, arts, sports and other endeavors. The program has four components: education and skill-building groups; community leadership and service projects; alternative activities and recreational sessions; and communication workshop and outreach to parents and caregivers. *Girl Power* Program participant evaluation results reflect low intent levels to try alcohol or drugs, increases in community bonding, and significant increases in social skill areas. All of these areas have been proven to help reduce substance abuse. The program has won both the 2003 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Promising Program and the 2002 NACo Innovations Award.

In FY 2004 the CSB has \$61,000 in County funding and \$61,000 in Substance Abuse Prevention Treatment Block Grant funds dedicated to provide county staff resources for Girl Power programming. GOSAP also awarded one non-profit provider \$33,000 for FY 2004. Girl Power Services are continuing, but as demonstrated in the following tables, at variable levels and with reductions or service elimination in communities where the non-profit providers lost funding.

At its meeting on October 27, 2003, the Board directed the County Executive to make a non-recurring appropriation of \$37,000 to the CSB to transition into the federal grant reductions in the *Girl Power!* program. In doing so, \$25,000 was granted to non-profit providers and to the Department of Community and Recreation Services via inter-governmental transfers to restore Girl Power services. The annual Girl Power conference and educational materials require the remaining \$12,000 in funding. The conference is one of CSB's most effective tools for building community capacity and for the transfer of knowledge of the Girl Power curriculum to the private non-profits, faith based organizations and other community groups who wish to implement the program in their communities. This year's conference theme is "Girl Power: Fulfilling Potential Through a Life of Service" and will be held at the Reston Teen Center/YMCA on June 5, 2004.

With respect to future funding opportunities, the one existing non-profit provider will be eligible for a second year GOSAP funding (if they apply), but at a 33 percent reduced award level. Other non-profits will be eligible to apply for grant funding, but the CSB is

no longer eligible, having already exhausted the three-year maximum award from GOSAP. The result is that there is no funding for the annual conference or funding to build capacity among the community partners. However, there is funding of \$144,110 in FY 2005 to maintain 21 groups and provide training to sites interested in replicating the program without funds. Please see the tables which follow.

**Girl Power! Funding**

**FY 2003**

| <b>Source</b>     | <b>Amount</b>    | <b>Expiration</b>  |
|-------------------|------------------|--|
| SAPT              | \$ 61,000        | Ongoing  |
| County            | \$ 61,000        | Ongoing  |
| GOSAP- CSB        | \$ 24,500        | Final Year of Award                                      |
| GOSAP- Nonprofits | \$ 45,500*       | Annual Award- up to 3 years with 33% reduction each year |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$192,000</b> | --   |

\* = estimated total of two grant awards, neither of which were renewed for FY 04

**FY 2004**

| <b>Source</b>                                  | <b>Amount</b>    | <b>Expiration</b>  |
|--|------------------|--|
| SAPT   | \$ 61,000        | Ongoing  |
| County   | \$ 61,000        | Ongoing  |
| GOSAP- New award to a nonprofit                | \$ 33,000        | Annual Award- up to 3 years with 33% reduction each year |
| CSB fund balance (non-recurring appropriation) | \$ 37,000        | Non-recurring appropriation; ends June 30, 2004          |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$192,000</b> | --   |

**FY 2005**

| <b>Source</b>    | <b>Amount</b>    | <b>Expiration</b>   |
|------------------|------------------|---|
| SAPT             | \$ 61,000        | Ongoing   |
| County           | \$ 61,000        | Ongoing   |
| GOSAP- nonprofit | \$ 22,110 *      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 3 year award- with 33% reduction each year        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$144,110</b> | <b><i>A reduction of \$47,890 or 25% from FY 03 and FY 04 levels.</i></b> |

\* = This is a competitive grant award process for 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding so there is no assurance at present that this money will be awarded. If not awarded, the FY 05 total would be further reduced to \$122,000.