

**New Hope Education and Addiction Services, Inc. d/b/a Florida Recovery Schools**  
**Grant Request – City Chapter 118 Grant**  
**Scope of Services**

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**Any substantial change will require Council approval.**

**This request shall be subject to Parts 1 through 5 of Chapter 118 Jacksonville Municipal Code.**

River Oak Center offers a strong academic program to high school students who are in recovery from a substance use disorder, allowing them to focus on learning in an environment in which sobriety is required and supported. We believe that a sober school is a key component on the continuum of treatment and recovery management for our youth.

It can be overwhelming for a teen to begin the journey of recovery, whether through access to a residential treatment facility, intensive outpatient care, or by making a personal commitment to sobriety. One of the biggest challenges they face begins when they re-enter the school system. River Oak offers students an opportunity to grow (spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially) by integrating the principles of recovery into their daily education.

Our program has two components – learning support and counseling. With respect to the former, it is important to recognize that students learn in different ways and with different styles. Each of our students receives an individual learning plan designed around their needs and goals. Our staff is well versed in serving students with diverse learning styles and providing enrichment and remediation for learning differences as necessary. They come with years of experience in teaching in school communities with diverse learners. Our instructional model requires that teachers scaffold lessons and assignments based on grade and developmental abilities. To that end, our staff uses research-based practices proven to meet the needs of diverse populations.

Though academic education is our paramount objective we recognize that time during the school day for the development of tools and strategies for maintaining sobriety will help our students succeed on the life-long road to recovery as they continue to live, work, and play in their communities. Our Clinical Director and counselors facilitate daily group support meetings and offer strategies for building the resilience to bounce back from the disappointment and stress of everyday life that can trigger a relapse. Our counselors meet with our instructional staff routinely to provide updates on our students, and provide on-site crisis counseling and referrals for long-term individual and family therapy when needed.

Our budget for the 2018-2019 year projects total expenses of \$267,703, of which \$199,025, or 74.3%, is compensation. We currently project that we will need additional funding of \$166,241 in order to balance our budget and continue to provide these services. The funds we are requesting will go directly to closing this gap by funding the compensation expense associated with providing direct services to our students. Specifically, these funds will be used to meet the compensation requirements for our Director, our Program Director and counselors, all of whom work directly with our students. This grant proposal would provide for the City of Jacksonville to reimburse up to \$100,000 of salaries and benefits during its October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 fiscal year.