



Police Department
Jeff Devlin, Chief of Police



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LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) REQUEST FOR FUNDING

The Hollywood Police Department has a long-standing commitment to the reduction of crime and the implementation of crime and drug prevention initiatives throughout the City of Hollywood. Use of LETF Funds requires approval from the City Commission, in accordance with F.S. 932.7055, upon request by the Chief of Police. The Statute requires a portion of the revenues be donated or expended for the support or operation of the following:

- Drug treatment
- Crime prevention
- Drug abuse education
- Safe neighborhood
- Drug prevention
- School resource officer program

Applications with all attachments must be received by Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Send via email to mdellolio@hollywoodfl.org. For questions, please contact Madonna Dell'Olio at mdellolio@hollywoodfl.org or 954-967-4375.

Applicant Agency Information

Applicant Agency Legal Name: Kids In Distress, Inc.	
Main Administrative Address: 819 NE 26 th Street	
City & State: Wilton Manors, FL	Zip Code: 33305
Telephone Number: (954)390-7654 ext. 1302	E-mail Address: markdhooge@kidinc.org
Website: www.kidinc.org	
CEO/Executive Director: Mark Dhooge, President/CEO	

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Title:	Benefits Enrollment		
Name/ Title of Program Contact:	Wendy Salomon, Chief Operating Officer		
Address:	819 NE 26 th Street	Phone:	954-821-3820
City • Zip Code:	Wilton Manors, 33305	E-mail:	wendysalomon@kidinc.org
Total Program Budget:	\$101,000		
Amount Requested:	\$10,000		

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Hollywood, Florida
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Organization's Background: Please provide a concise description of the Applicant Agency, including its history, years of operation, general mission statement, and primary services provided.

Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID) is a nationally accredited nonprofit organization whose mission is the prevention of child abuse, the preservation of the family, and the care and treatment of abused and neglected children. Founded in 1979 as a shelter for abused and neglected children, KID has grown over the past four decades into one of South Florida's leading providers of child and family services.

KID currently operates two campuses in Broward County and provides comprehensive services including benefits enrollment, foster care recruitment and support, kinship care, early childhood education, aftercare and summer camp, family strengthening services, maternal and infant health services, family counseling, case management, and pediatric dental services in partnership with Nova Southeastern University.

In 2019, KID acquired Family Central, Inc. (FCI), expanding the organization's reach and services throughout South Florida. Together, KID and FCI serve more than 20,000 children and families annually. Both organizations recently received their sixth accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA) at the highest level possible.

The KID Benefits Enrollment Program assists vulnerable children and families with accessing critical public benefits and community resources that improve financial stability and reduce family stressors that can contribute to neglect, school disruption, unsafe living conditions, and youth involvement in delinquent behaviors. By helping families meet their basic needs and remain stable, the program supports stronger families and safer communities throughout Broward County.

LETF CATEGORY (Place an "X" to the left of one program area for which you intend to Apply):

☒	1. Crime Prevention
☐	2. Drug Treatment or Abuse Prevention/Education
☐	3. Safe Neighborhood

HOLLYWOOD POLICE'S PRIORITY AREA (Place an "X" to the left of one program area for which you intend to Apply):

☒	1. Diverting Youth from Criminal Justice System
☐	2. Reducing Gun Violence/Violent Crime
☐	3. Programs which assist the Homeless/Mentally Ill

PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. How does your proposed project address the LETF Category (see above) as well as the Hollywood Police Department's Priority Area?

The KID Benefits Enrollment Program directly supports the LETF Category of Crime Prevention and the Hollywood Police Department Priority Area of Diverting Youth from the Criminal Justice System by helping vulnerable children and families achieve greater financial stability before crises escalate into deeper family and community challenges.

Children and teens living in households experiencing severe financial hardship are at increased risk for truancy, school disruption, unsafe living situations, family conflict, and exposure to negative influences that can contribute to delinquent or criminal behaviors. Families struggling to meet basic needs often face overwhelming stress related to housing instability, food insecurity, lack of childcare, interrupted healthcare, and utility shutoffs, all of which negatively impact a child's safety, supervision, and overall stability.

The Benefits Enrollment Program works proactively to reduce these risk factors by connecting families with public benefits, financial assistance, and community resources that strengthen the household and improve long-term stability. LETF funding will provide emergency assistance for essential needs such as housing-related expenses, utilities, groceries, diapers, formula, childcare, and school-related supports while families work through lengthy public benefits application and approval processes.

By helping families remain stable and connected to supportive services, the program helps reduce circumstances that can place youth at greater risk for school disengagement, unsafe environments, and future involvement with the juvenile justice system. During the current fiscal year, the program has already served 85 families residing in the Hollywood area, demonstrating both the need for and utilization of these services within the community.

2. Why is this funding needed (What community problem does it address)? What data suggests this program should be implemented with this population or in this geographical location?

The KID Benefits Enrollment Program is needed because many families in Broward County, including those residing in Hollywood, continue to experience significant financial instability and difficulty accessing critical public benefits and support services. Rising housing costs, food insecurity, childcare expenses, utility costs, and limited access to healthcare continue to place substantial pressure on low-income working families throughout the community.

According to recent U.S. Census data, approximately 15.5% of Hollywood residents live below the federal poverty level, which is higher than both the Broward County and Florida averages. In Broward County, more than 61,000 children under the age of 18 are currently living in poverty. Additionally, United Way of Broward County reports that 57% of Broward children live in households below the ALICE Threshold, meaning families are unable to consistently afford basic necessities such as housing, food, transportation, childcare, and healthcare despite many adults being employed.

The cost of living in Broward County continues to rise faster than many families' ability to keep pace. Housing costs remain one of the greatest financial burdens for vulnerable families, increasing the risk of eviction, overcrowding, utility shutoffs, and ongoing instability. At the same time, public benefits systems have become increasingly difficult for families to navigate independently. Applications often require extensive documentation, multiple appointments, technology access, ongoing follow-up, and significant time commitments. Families facing language barriers, transportation challenges, inflexible work schedules, or

childcare limitations frequently struggle to successfully complete and maintain benefits applications without assistance.

The need for these services is demonstrated by the continued growth of the KID Benefits Enrollment Program throughout Broward County. During the current fiscal year alone, the program has already served 85 families residing in the Hollywood area. Program data also demonstrates strong outcomes, with families consistently being linked to appropriate resources and successfully obtaining benefits that improve household stability.

The Benefits Enrollment Program addresses a critical service gap by providing individualized application assistance, care coordination, follow-up support, and immediate stabilization assistance for families in crisis. Unlike programs that only provide referrals or limited application assistance, KID staff work directly with families throughout the process to help ensure they successfully obtain and maintain needed benefits and services.

3. Program Summary (3-5 sentences): Provide an overview of program services.

The Kids In Distress (KID) Benefits Enrollment Program provides comprehensive public benefits enrollment and stabilization services to vulnerable children and families throughout Broward County, including families residing in Hollywood. The program assists families with accessing critical resources including Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), childcare assistance, housing supports, and other community-based services that promote financial stability and family well-being. Benefits Enrollment staff provide individualized application assistance, care coordination, follow-up services, and connections to community resources while helping families overcome barriers related to language, transportation, technology, and complex eligibility processes. LETF funding will support emergency stabilization assistance including groceries, formula, diapers, utilities, housing-related expenses, childcare support, uniforms, and school supplies for families in crisis while they work toward long-term stability.

4. Describe the program in detail and how it will be implemented: (Describe Who, What, Where, and When)

Please make sure your response includes program successes or challenges if previously funded, Why the agency needs the funding and its impact on the community. All programs must address a specific population and the narrative should indicate the number of clients served, services provided etc.

Who: The KID Benefits Enrollment Program serves vulnerable children and families throughout Broward County, including families residing in Hollywood, who are experiencing financial hardship and difficulty accessing critical public benefits and support services. The program primarily serves low-income households, including single-parent families, families with young children, caregivers with limited education, and families facing barriers related to language, transportation, technology, or complex eligibility systems.

During the current fiscal year, the program has already served 85 families residing in the Hollywood area. Families are referred through schools, childcare centers, healthcare providers, community organizations, partner agencies, and word-of-mouth referrals throughout the community.

What: The Benefits Enrollment Program provides comprehensive benefits enrollment assistance, care coordination, follow-up services, and stabilization support designed to help families access critical resources and maintain household stability.

Program staff assist families with applications and eligibility requirements for services including Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), childcare assistance, housing resources, utility assistance, and other community-based supports. Many families require assistance completing multiple applications, gathering documentation, communicating with agencies, and maintaining benefits over time.

LETG funding will provide direct emergency assistance to families while they work through lengthy application and approval processes. Assistance may include housing-related expenses, utility payments, groceries, formula, diapers, hygiene items, childcare or aftercare fees, uniforms, and school supplies.

Where: Services are provided throughout Broward County, including within the Hollywood community. Benefits Enrollment staff meet families where they are by providing services in homes, schools, childcare centers, community locations, partner agencies, the KID campus, and virtually when appropriate.

This flexible service model helps remove barriers that often prevent families from successfully accessing benefits and supportive services, including transportation limitations, work schedules, childcare challenges, and difficulty accessing technology.

When: The Benefits Enrollment Program operates year-round and provides ongoing support based on each family's level of need. Staff work with families during daytime, evening, and occasional weekend hours to accommodate work schedules and increase accessibility.

Many benefit applications require extensive follow-up, document collection, renewal assistance, and coordination with multiple agencies. Program staff remain engaged with families throughout the process to help ensure applications are completed successfully and benefits are maintained over time.

Program Success and Community Impact

The Benefits Enrollment Program continues to demonstrate strong demand and measurable success throughout Broward County and within the Hollywood community. During FY 2024-2025, 100% of individuals and families referred to the program were successfully linked to appropriate resources as measured through follow-ups and 90-day follow-ups. In addition, 100% of benefit applications submitted through the program were approved within 60 days of submission.

The program helps families stabilize financially, maintain safe living conditions, remain engaged in school and childcare programs, and successfully access critical resources that support long-term family stability. By helping families meet their basic needs and remain connected to supportive services, the program strengthens household stability and helps reduce stressors that can contribute to school disruption, unsafe environments, and increased risk factors associated with youth involvement in delinquent or criminal behaviors.

5. Describe the Applicant Agency's experience in serving the target population and the capacity of the Applicant Agency to undertake the proposed program.

The KID Benefits Enrollment Program has demonstrated strong outcomes and continued growth in demand since expanding services into Broward County. The program was developed based on the success of Family Central, Inc.'s established benefits enrollment model in Miami-Dade County and was designed to help vulnerable families successfully access critical public benefits and stabilization services.

During the current fiscal year, the program has already served 85 families residing in the Hollywood area, in addition to hundreds of children and adults throughout Broward County. Families are referred through schools, childcare centers, healthcare providers, community organizations, partner agencies, and word-of-mouth referrals, demonstrating strong community trust and ongoing demand for services.

The program currently consists of one Director, one Full-Time Benefits Specialist, and one Part-Time Benefits Specialist who provide individualized application assistance, care coordination, follow-up services, and stabilization support to families in crisis. Program staff are experienced in navigating complex public benefits systems and assisting families with overcoming barriers related to language, transportation, technology access, documentation requirements, and communication with agencies.

Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID) provides the program with the infrastructure, financial oversight, community partnerships, and operational support necessary to successfully administer the proposed project. Through its longstanding presence in Broward County and established network of collaborative partners, KID has the capacity to effectively serve vulnerable families within the Hollywood community and ensure LETF funds are administered responsibly and efficiently.

6. Has your agency received funding from LETF? (If yes, identify the source, the \$ amount and provide performance data regarding your contracted outcomes for the various fiscal years your agency was funded).

Yes. Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID) has previously received funding through the City of Hollywood Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) for the KID FIRST program, which provides family strengthening and stabilization services to vulnerable children and families in Broward County. The current request is for the KID Benefits Enrollment Program, which similarly focuses on family stabilization and reducing risk factors that negatively impact children and youth.

For Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, KID FIRST received \$10,000 annually from the City of Hollywood LETF. For Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, KID FIRST received \$15,000 annually from the City of Hollywood LETF.

Throughout the funding period, KID FIRST consistently met or exceeded contracted outcomes related to family functioning, program completion, and child safety. During Fiscal Year 2024-2025, 97% of families completed the KID FIRST program and treatment plan goals, 95% of parents who completed the program improved their family functioning, and 97% of families had no verified abuse reports 12 months following the program referral date.

KID has successfully administered LETF funding while maintaining compliance with program requirements and reporting expectations. LETF funding has allowed KID to provide direct stabilization assistance to vulnerable families experiencing financial hardship and crisis situations that placed children and youth at increased risk for unsafe environments, school disruption, and family instability.

Total Program Line Item Budget

LETF Line Item Budget	Calculation	Total Amount
Program Expenses		
Client Assistance: Housing Assistance	12 families X \$500.00	\$6,000.00
Utility Assistance	4 families X \$250.00	\$1,000.00
Baby Needs (Formula, Diapers, Hygiene Items)	4 families X \$250.00	\$1,000.00
Food Assistance	6 families X \$250.00	\$1,500.00
Childcare and School Supports	Uniforms, school supplies, childcare/aftercare assistance	\$500.00
Other (specify)		
Total Program Expenses:	\$ 101,000.00	
	LETF Request	\$ 10,000.00
		\$
	Total :	\$ 10,000.00

BUDGET NARRATIVE (Required for ALL applications)(Provide an explanation of what the budget will include)

The KID Benefits Enrollment Program is comprised of one Director, one Full-Time Benefits Specialist, and one Part-Time Benefits Specialist with a total program budget of approximately \$101,000. The requested \$10,000 from the City of Hollywood Police Department LETF will be used entirely for direct client assistance to help vulnerable children and families maintain stability while navigating public benefits application and approval processes.

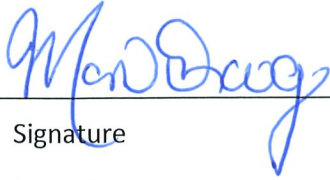
During the current fiscal year, the Benefits Enrollment Program has already served 85 families residing in the Hollywood area. Families participating in the program frequently require immediate assistance with housing, utilities, food, infant necessities, childcare, and school-related expenses while waiting for benefits to begin or stabilize.

\$6,000 will provide housing assistance for families experiencing financial hardship related to rent, deposits, or temporary housing needs in order to help prevent eviction and housing instability. \$1,000 will provide utility assistance to help families maintain electricity and water services and ensure safe living conditions for children and youth.

\$1,000 will support baby needs including formula, diapers, wipes, hygiene items, and other essential infant supplies for families with young children. \$1,500 will provide food assistance to help families purchase groceries and meet basic nutritional needs during periods of financial crisis or while awaiting benefits approval. \$500 will support childcare and school-related expenses including uniforms, school supplies, and childcare or aftercare assistance that help children remain engaged in school and supportive environments while enabling parents to maintain employment and stability.

The requested LETF funding will provide immediate stabilization support to vulnerable families within the Hollywood community and help address basic needs that directly impact child and family well-being.

OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND BIND APPLICANT AGENCY TO THE APPLICATION:



Signature

Mark Dhooge

Name (Print or Type)

President/CEO

Title (Print or Type)

5/11/2026

Date

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 11 day of May, 2026, by

Mark Dhooge

(name of individual signing)

as President/CEO of KIDS in Distress, Inc

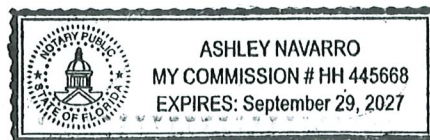
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(name of Applicant Agency/entity)

known to me to be the person described herein, or who produced as identification, and who did/did not take an oath.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:



Attachments

Attachment A	Certificate of Incorporation www.Sunbiz.org
Attachment B	IRS Form 501(c)(3)
Attachment C	IRS Form W-9

State of Florida

Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that KIDS IN DISTRESS, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on June 12, 1979.

The document number of this corporation is 747582.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2026, that its most recent annual report/uniform business report was filed on February 23, 2026, and that its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

*Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Florida
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
the Twenty-third day of February,
2026*




Secretary of State

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WILTON MANORS FL 33305-1239

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Employer ID Number: 59-1927289
Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request dated Feb. 11, 2016, regarding your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in December 1980, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

Our records also indicate you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If a return is required, you must file Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. IRC Section 6033(j) provides that, if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked on the filing due date of the third required return or notice.

For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit www.irs.gov or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 1-877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Time).

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KIDS IN DISTRESS INC
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819 NE 26TH ST
WILTON MANORS FL 33305-1239

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teri M. Johnson".

Teri M. Johnson
Operations Manager, AM Ops. 3

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.) Kids In Distress, Inc.		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.		
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate ☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☒ Other (see instructions) Not for Profit 501 (c) 3	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)	
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions ☐		
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions. 819 Northeast 26th Street	Requester's name and address (optional)	
6 City, state, and ZIP code Wilton Manors, FL 33305			
7 List account number(s) here (optional)			

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number								
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or								
Employer identification number								
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person <i>Lony S. J. [Signature]</i>	Date <i>3/19/26</i>
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they