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May 5, 2021

Levy County Board of County Commissioners
355 South Court Street
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Dear Commissioners:

The Coalition is very grateful to the Commission for including the Coalition in the 2020-21 budget. The funding you provided the Coalition has been put to good use and was quite possibly the most important funding we received. We believe the Coalition has been a wise investment for the Commission in the past and will continue to show value in the 2022-22 budget. Why should the commission continue to support the Coalition?

Promises Kept – Continued Increases in Outside Funding for Levy County

Over the past year, we kept our promise of working to increase the amount of outside funding brought into Levy County. As promised, we secured a second grant for academic and personal enrichment programming for middle and high school aged youth. In addition, we competed for the Florida Department of Health Tobacco Prevention Grant. For the first time in nine years, this funding will now be coming to a Levy County based organization and 100% of the funds will be kept inside the County.

All together, we will have increased outside funding by \$461,679.03 by 09/30/2021.

Serving Our Youth, Their Families and Community At Large

The Coalition continues to serve youth and families in all five Levy Communities and 100% of our funding is reinvested into these communities. I look forward to sharing additional details with you in person.

We Need the Commission

The funding provided to the Coalition by the Commission is a lifeline. It is truly a great blessing and we do not take it for granted.

For the 2021-22 budget year we would like to request \$25,000.00, a \$5,000 increase.

We will be grateful for any funding provided by the Commission.

Thank you for your time regarding this request. We sincerely appreciate all the Commission has done to support the youth of Levy County.

Respectfully,

Jonathan M Lewis
Chief Operating Officer
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Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Admin;
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