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

First, thank you for your continued support of the Coalition. The funding provided by the Commission is vital to our operations and we cannot thank you enough.

The Coalition is continuing to seek additional outside funding (funding from sources outside of Levy County), to include additional grants to serve the Cedar Key, and Yankeetown areas. Although we currently serve these areas, we would like to expand services. We believe over the next year we will acquire additional funding.

Programming Currently In Place

Currently the Coalition has afterschool and summer programs in all five Levy county communities. We conducted social norming campaigns across the county such as Friday Night Done Right and Natural High, programs designed to encourage youth to spend their free-time free of drugs and bad decisions. We have mentoring programs available in all five levy communities as well, paring a youth with a mentor who sees them at least once per week.

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.

We Need the Commission

The funding provided to the Coalition by the Commission is a lifeline that assists us with required program expenses that may not fit into a grant budget. 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 \$27,500, a 10% increase to assist us in covering bidenflation.

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  
Levy County Prevention Coalition

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