

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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**FY 2014 – 2015
BUDGET WORKSHOP AGENDA**

AUGUST 15, 2014

9:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M. Invocation

9:05 A.M. Pledge to U.S. Flag

9:10 A.M. Opening Comments –
Ronald Williams, Chairman

9:20 A.M. Presentation of FY 2014-2015 Floor Budget –
Dale Williams, County Manager

11:00 A.M. Questions/Comments
Board of County Commissioners

AGENCY / OFFICE COMMENT

11:15 A.M. Margarita Labarta, PhD –
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare
(Current Funding = \$204,750)
(Requested Funding = \$297,883) (A)

Deborah Freeman –
Columbia County Senior Services, Inc.
(Current Funding = \$166,667)
(Requested Funding = \$250,000) (B)

Sean McMahon –
LC/CC Historical Museum
(Current Funding = \$ 5,000/TDC)
(Requested Funding = \$ 50,000/Non Reoccurring) (C)

Other

11:45 A.M. Adjourn

(*NOTE* All times, except starting time, is approximate. The schedule followed may be extended or shortened as necessary)

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May 27, 2014

Dale Williams
County Manager
Columbia County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1529
Lake City, FL 32056-1529

RE: Request for Funding – Meridian Behavioral Healthcare


Dear Mr. Williams:

Through this letter, I am submitting Meridian's request for funding for services to the citizens of Columbia County affected by psychiatric and substance use disorders. Meridian is requesting that the County support funding for required local match of \$297,883.

Florida Statute (§394.76) imposes a 75/25 state/County cost share requirement for psychiatric and substance use disorder treatment services including "Baker Act" services and the Crisis Stabilization Units at Centers funded like Meridian. The statute places the responsibility for identifying local matching funds on County Commissions to cover this full amount. Attached is information that we believe explains the match requirement, Columbia County's share and underscores the value that these services bring to the community.

As always, I would be pleased to speak to the Commission and County staff about our funding and services. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Margarita Labarta, PhD
President/CEO

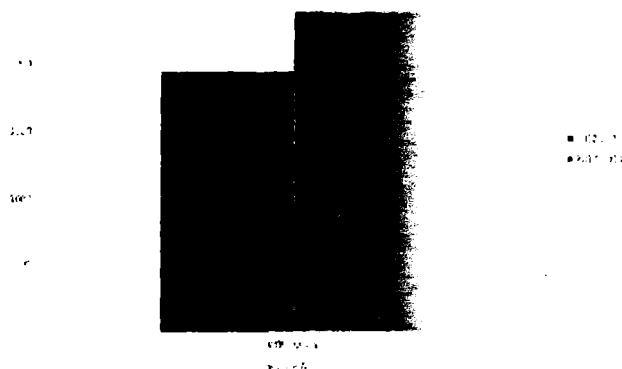
C: Mary Jane Weaver, Meridian Board Member
Lillian Cason, Meridian Board Member



**FY2013-2014 Report to
Columbia County &
FY2015 Funding
Request**

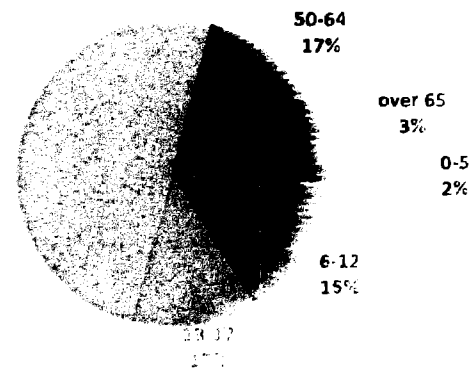
Who Meridian serves...

In FY 2013-2014, Meridian has seen a growing number of patients from Columbia County; as of April 30 we had seen 2,394 individuals from the County, compared to 1,940 the same time last year.



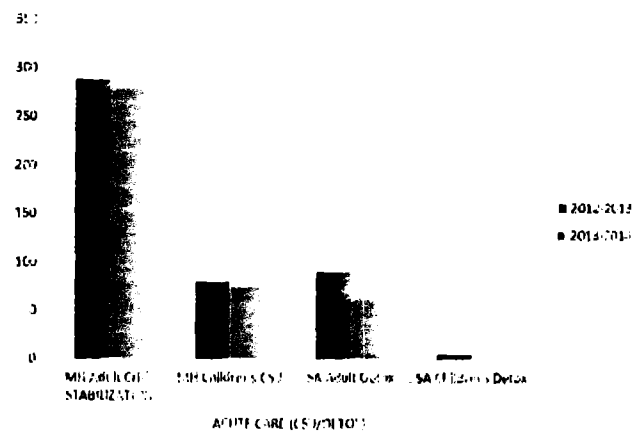
Meridian's services have addressed the behavioral healthcare needs of people of all ages, including 50 children aged 0-5, and 373 in elementary to middle school

Ages of Those Seen

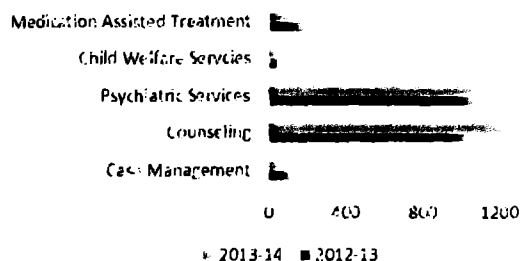


Meridian offers services in a wide continuum, organized around levels of care. These include *outreach* –which helps identify individuals who need help before they are in crisis; *intervention* – which provides educational supports about mental health, substance use, and recovery; *outpatient* services – which include counseling, medication management, case management, and psychiatric services; and *inpatient* and *residential* services to deal with acute episodes of illness and long-term care.

Individuals from Columbia County received care in a variety of these treatment levels, most in outpatient clinics at our Lake City campus. However, 403



Outpatient Services



individuals from

Columbia County required inpatient care for their psychiatric or substance use disorders. In the first 10 months of this year, we have seen 76 children and 279 adults from Columbia County at our inpatient Crisis Stabilization Unit in Lake City, and 64 adults in our Detox Unit in Gainesville. The anticipated annual cost of inpatient services for Columbia County residents is about \$1.2 million.

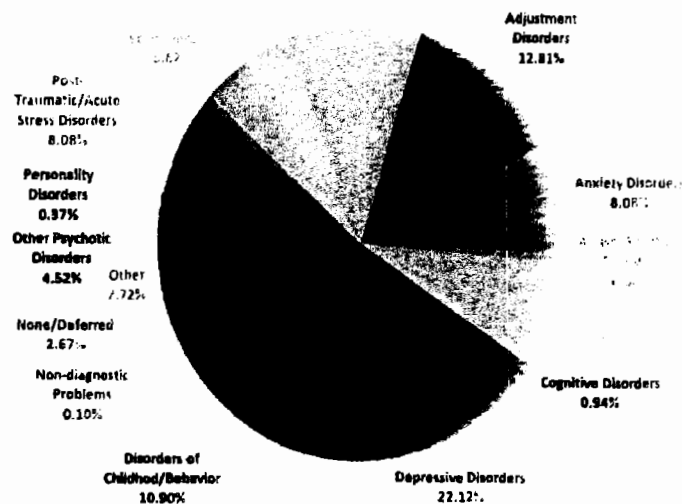
At the Lake City campus, 2,355 individuals have received counseling services so far this year; 219 saw our child and 891 adult psychiatrists; 90 individuals with

serious and long-term illness received assistance in coordinating their many treatment needs. Many of the children we see are offered services at their school, where we are also available to consult with teachers and guidance staff.

Meridian's services effectively treat mental illnesses and substance use...

At Meridian, we treat a range of psychiatric and substance use disorders. Depression and addiction are among the most prevalent in the population we treat, followed by severe and persistent illnesses such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Among those treated for substance use disorders are a growing number who are affected by addiction to pain killers. We have seen 184 individuals from Columbia in our Medication Assisted Treatment clinic, which opened up in Lake City two years ago. The clinic treats individuals addicted to painkillers or heroin, and offers services daily, including holidays and weekends.



Treatment is effective. Most chronic conditions – like diabetes, cancer, heart disease – have recovery rates of 40-60%. National data show that mental illnesses and substance use disorders have similar rates for bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and substance use disorders and even higher rates (60-80%) for depression and anxiety. Treatment for these illnesses is a partnership between the patient and our staff, and often requires a combination of counseling, medication, support, and care coordination. Meridian's outcomes are consistent with these industry benchmarks. 94% of our patients from Columbia County indicate services they received were very helpful. They consistently indicate they are satisfied, or very satisfied with our care (91%) and 90% indicate they would recommend us to others.

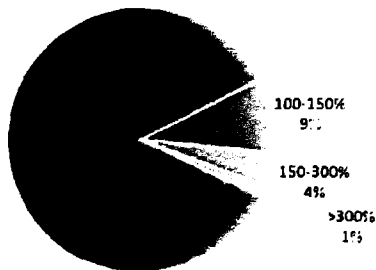


Furthermore, treatment for mental illness and substance abuse significantly reduces the burden for law enforcement and the need for emergency room and hospital stays. Data has shown that every dollar invested in behavioral healthcare reduces these other costs by \$3-7.

Paying for Meridian's Services – the Role of Local Match

Meridian receives revenue from a variety of governmental sources, and we collect patient and insurance fees. Columbia County residents are largely dependent on Medicaid as the payer for services. County funds, including in-kind, account for 5% of the funding for the county's services. Because so many of the patients seen in Columbia County are indigent. 86% of Columbia County residents seen by Meridian have incomes below Federal Poverty Guidelines – and another 13% are between 100-300% and so are not Medicaid eligible, but unable to pay for care without assistance.

Income Levels



The funding received from Florida's Department of Children and Families through its managing entity, Lutheran Services, to subsidize this care includes state and federal dollars that require local match. The State pays for three-fourths of our indigent Crisis Stabilization Unit capacity as well as for a portion of other services for mental health and addictions. In total, Meridian is required to document to the state that it receives local matching funds equaling or exceeding \$2,266,772 annually. The state funding does not cover the entire cost of any service for which match is required, including Crisis Stabilization, Detox, residential or outpatient care; we rely on local support to make up that deficit, and our Counties' contribution to match is critical to our ability to meet that obligation and provide services the community needs.

Each year we ask each County to provide a portion of Meridian's total match requirement commensurate with its percentage of the population. For Columbia, that amounts to 13.73% of the total match requirement, or \$297,883. Last year the County provided \$204,750. Our Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) funding is among the total state funding that requires match; 42% of the required matching funds are used for the CSU. So, of Columbia's \$297,883 in required matching funds, \$117,100 is designated for CSU, and the remaining \$180,783 supports other mental health and drug treatment services that also require match. Client fees, insurance, and other contracts can be used as match, but then they are unavailable to draw down other potential grants that require match, limiting our ability to expand services.

Because we have a deficit in county match from local governmental sources (\$52,671), Meridian uses fees, insurance, and other revenues from Columbia County to complete the County's match. In the last several year we have experienced reductions in Medicaid and State revenues, making every county dollar even more important.

We are asking that Columbia County continue its current contribution and any additional it can contribute, freeing up our fees and insurance as match for other purposes. We very much appreciate the County's on-going support.

Application Date: **July 18, 2014**

Community Funding Request

Agency Name/Address: **Columbia County Senior Services, Inc.**
P.O. Box 1772
Lake City, FL 32056-1772

Agency Contact Person: **Deborah B. Freeman** **Work phone: 386-752-7717**
Executive Director **Home phone: 386-755-9222**
ccssdirector@aol.com

2013-2014 Donation Received from County: \$166,667.00

2014-2015 Funding Request Amount: \$250,000.00

Total Current Annual Agency Program Budget Expense \$ 1,119,796.19

<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City of Lake City	\$ 60,000.00
Columbia County BOCC	\$ 166,667.00
United Way of Suwannee Valley	\$ 48,000.00
State of Florida (ADI,CCE, HCE)	\$ 194,783.24
Federal Government (OAA-USDA)	\$ 262,667.10
Long Term Community Care	\$ 98,772.00 (est)
Contributions, Gifts, Fees	\$ 11,638.80
(Client contributions, co-pay, fund-raising)	
Estimated Revenue from EFS	\$ 113,885.00 (est)
(Fee for Service Home Care)	

Item # 1: Social Service/Seniors

Columbia County Senior Services, Inc. was established in 1972 to meet the special needs of the older citizens of Lake City and Columbia County. The organization is run by an unpaid Board of Directors made up of concerned citizens from Lake City and Columbia County; and, by a paid professional staff. The goal of the continuum of services provided by the agency is to maintain elderly persons in their own homes, and to prevent, postpone or reduce inappropriate or unnecessary institutional placements; and, while in their own homes maintain an acceptable quality of life.

Item # 2:

The latest census information tells us that there are 15,643 (22.9% of total) individuals in Lake City and Columbia County who are 60 years of age or older; of that number 11221 are 65 years or older; 7,481 are 70 years or older; and, 4633 are 75 years of age or older. The 80+ population is 2654 . The 85+ population is 1229. The number of stroke related and Alzheimer's dementia patients in our community is estimated at 1214. 60+ registered voters is 12,717. *Please see attachment A.*

Item # 3: CCSS, Inc. is a 501-C-3 not for profit corporation. *Please see attachment B).*

Item #4:

The Board of County Commissioners does not provide any of the same services for the elderly as those provided by Columbia County Senior Services, Inc. The CCSS has a number of programs aimed at helping senior adults maintain their dignity and their independence:

1) the Community Care for the Elderly Program (provides in-home homemaking services, personal care services, the emergency alert response service, home delivered meals, respite service, and case management for those people least able to afford services from other organizations);

2) the Emergency Home Energy Program (provides portable heaters, or fans for elderly individuals who do not have the resources to provide them for themselves. The program also pays energy bills for elderly people in immediate danger of having their power cut off or who must use an air conditioner for reasons of poor health);

3) the Long Term Community Care Program took the place of the Medicaid Waiver program in February of 2014. *The Agency for Health Care Administration took over this program from the Department of Elder Affairs.* For Profit Managed Care Organizations have taken over the administration of this program from the local community Aging Services Network. CCSS has had a spending authority as large as \$450,000 for this program in the past. We now act as service vendors to the MCO's and project a potential earning of \$98,772.00. Aside from the loss of income this *change gives us a major cash flow* problem. In the past we could *direct bill* Medicaid and not have a waiting period for payment. Since the change in Medicaid most of our services are funded through State and Federal programs which can be over two months

behind in payments.

4) the Home Care for the Elderly Program provides a small stipend, usually \$106.00/month to the care-giver of a senior adult who maintains the senior adult in his home. This small stipend is to help with expenses incurred by the care-giver for the care of the senior adults;

5) the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Program provides in home respite for the care-givers of patients with Alzheimer's Disease; support groups for family care-givers are available at the Life Style Enrichment Center twice every month;

6) the Title III Program helps support two nutritional and recreational sites, one in Lake City and one in Ft. White, which provides a place for recreation, socialization and a hot noon-day meal for people over 60. These centers help reduce the isolation and poor nutrition from which many elderly individuals suffer. CCSS, also, sponsors Home Delivered Meals for homebound senior adults and, provides transportation to the transportation disadvantaged elderly in Lake City and Columbia County.

7) the Title III-E Respite Program provides emergency and planned respite for unpaid care-givers of the elderly, as well as, training and support group assistance.

8) the Club - Day Care for Adults with Dementia has been open since September of 2013. CCSS always had the goal of opening a social-therapeutic Day Care for Adults with Dementia. We have funded this program, which is far more expensive than other programs due to medical staffing requirements (an RN and C.N.A.'s) from a designated savings account. *The monies for this savings account came from fundraising activities over many years.* We have looked for every way possible to fund this service for those in need. For example, we applied to be a vendor for the VA. We have several VA patients at this time. We have fee paying clients (\$10/hr), however, even this low price is too high for a family to use every-day. We will have another grant source available to the program beginning in July. We also have contracts with Sunshine State Health Plan and American Elder Care to provide Day Care services. *This program must be self sustaining.* It is a critical need for the patient and his/her family. We need 4 clients to use the Day Care 5 days/week in order to be self sustaining. Since September, we have assessed and served 13 dementia patients. Two of these patients have passed away since September and one was too volatile to be with other patients. At the current time we have 10 clients assessed and 7 actively using the program. If all of these people

could use the program everyday there would be no question of the program becoming self sufficient. I asked the Day Care Administrator why she felt that her patients did not use the program daily. She answered that the *expense* for everyday use and the *stigma* of people knowing that their loved one needed to be in Day Care were the reasons they did not come everyday. We need the time to educate the caregivers about what is going on in their loved ones brains. Caregivers need to learn that they need not put themselves at risk to save their loved ones dignity.

Item # 5:

CCSS received \$60,000 from the City of Lake City in support of programs for the elderly in 2013-2014. We will be requesting funding assistance in FY 2014-2015.

Item #6:

CCSS provides services for the entire economic spectrum of elderly citizens. Beginning in July of 1996 all clients in State of Florida supported programs were required to be processed to determine if they could afford to pay any portion of their services in the form of a co-pay.

Item #7: 2014 Board of Directors List. Please see Attachment C.

Submitted by:

Deborah B. Freeman
Deborah B. Freeman, Executive Director

7-17-2014
Date



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2013 Florida County Profiles

Columbia

Population by Age Category		
All Ages	68,360	100.0%
Under 60	52,717	77.1%
60+	15,643	22.9%
65+	11,221	16.4%
70+	7,481	10.9%
75+	4,633	6.8%
80+	2,654	3.9%
85+	1,229	1.8%

Population by Race (60+)		
White	13,605	87.0%
Non-White	2,038	13.0%
Black	1,630	10.4%
Other Minorities	408	2.6%

Population by Ethnicity (60+)		
Total Hispanic	382	2.4%
White	251	1.6%
Non-White	131	0.8%
Total Non-Hispanic	15,261	97.6%
Total Minorities*	2,289	14.6%

Population by Gender (60+)		
Male	7,380	47.2%
Female	8,263	52.8%

Medicaid Status (60+)		
Below Poverty Guideline	1,464	9.4%
Below 125% of Poverty Guideline	2,592	16.6%
Minorities Below Poverty Guideline	309	2.0%
Minorities Below 125% of Poverty Guideline	535	3.4%

Medically Underserved (60+)		
Total Medically Underserved	3,799	
Medically Underserved Populations - Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	3,799	
Medically Underserved Areas - Living in Medically Underserved Areas	0	

Living Situation (60+)	
Living Alone	3,466

Grandchildren (Under Age 18)	
Total 60+ Living With Own Grandchildren (Under Age 18)	892
Grandparent Responsible for Own Grandchildren (Under Age 18)	473
Grandparent Not Responsible for Own Grandchildren (Under Age 18)	419
60+ Not Living With Own Grandchildren (Under Age 18)	14,176

Nursing Home Capacity (60+)	
SNF Beds	305
Community Beds	305
Sheltered Beds	0
Veterans Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
SNFs With Beds	3
Community Beds	3
Sheltered Beds	0
Veterans Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
SNFs With Community Beds	3
Community Bed Days	111,630
Community Patient Days	99,189
Medicaid Patient Days	60,599
Occupancy Rate	88.9%
Percent Medicaid	61.1%

Adult Day Care	
Facilities	0
Capacity	0

Adult Family Care Homes	
Homes	1
Beds	5

Home Health Agencies	
Agencies	5
Medicaid Certified Agencies	2
Medicare Certified Agencies	4

Long-Term Care Companies	
Companies	5

Ambulatory Surgical Centers	
Facilities	2
Operating Rooms	3
Recovery Beds	9

*Total Minorities = (60+ Population) - (White Non-Hispanic 60+)



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2013 Florida County Profiles

Columbia (Continued)

Geographic Information	
Rural (Yes/No)	YES

Healthcare Services Available	
Total Beds	424
OSS Beds**	135
Non-OSS Beds	289
Total Facilities	8
Facilities With ECC License***	2
Facilities With LMH License****	4
Facilities With LNS License*****	2

Hospitals	
Hospitals	2
Hospitals With Skilled Nursing Units	0
Hospital Beds	166
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	0

Medical Professionals	
Medical Doctors	
Licensed	91
Limited License	0
Critical Need Area License	3
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certificate	0
Public Health Certificate	0
Specialties	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	0
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	12
Licensed Chiropractic Physicians	8
Registered Nurses	
Licensed Registered Nurses	877

Drivers License Information	
Drivers With Florida Driver's License - All Ages	48,858
Drivers With Florida Driver's License - Age 60+	13,649
Percent of Drivers With Florida Driver's License - Age 60+	27.9%

Federal Statistics (60+)	
Participants (60+)	1,203
Potentially Eligible	2,592
Food Stamp Participation Rate (60+)	46.4%

Registered to Vote	
Registered to Vote in Florida - All Ages	36,246
Registered to Vote in Florida - Age 60+	12,717
Percent of Population Registered to Vote in Florida - Age 60+	35.1%

Elder Households	
Elder Households	6,821
Percent of All Households	17.6%

Median Annual Income (60+)	
2007-2011	\$38,589

Medicaid Eligible	
Medicaid Eligible - All Ages	15,917
Medicaid Eligible - 60+	2,103
Dual Eligible - All Ages	3,185
Dual Eligible - 60+	1,903

Total Population	
Total	7,672
Age 45-64	3,129
Age 65-84	2,689
Age 85+	407

Disability Statistics	
With One Type of Disability*****	2,821
Hearing	2,305
Vision	1,881
Cognitive	1,660
Ambulatory	5,132
Self-Care	1,102
Independent Living	2,504
With Two or More Disabilities	3,751
With No Disabilities	8,738
Probable Alzheimer's Cases*****	1,214

Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	
With Limited English Proficiency	113

** OSS beds: Optional State Supplementation beds

*** ECC License: Extended Congregate Care License

****LMH License: Limited Mental Health License

*****LNS License: Limited Nursing Services License

*****With One Type of Disability: 65+ people who have only one type of disability

***** Probable Alzheimer's Cases = (65-74 Population x 0.0136) + (75-84 Population x 0.1822) + (85+population x 0.4098)

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2013 Florida County Profiles

Columbia (Continued)

	Annual Expenses*
Single Elders	
Owner without Mortgage	\$18,636
Renter, one bedroom	\$21,912
Owner with Mortgage	\$24,708
Elder Couple	
Owner without Mortgage	\$30,576
Renter, one bedroom	\$33,852
Owner with Mortgage	\$36,648
* Annual expenses include: housing, including utilities, taxes, insurance; food; transportation; health care, based on good health; and miscellaneous.	
Note: Wider Opportunities for Women Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index) measures the incomes workers and retired elders need to achieve economic security. Data as of March 2013.	

County Chronic Disease Profile (Columbia)
Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse (Columbia)
Behavioral Risk Factors (BRFSS) (Columbia)

Sources

- Population: Florida Population by County, Age, Race, Ethnicity and Gender provided by Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research
- Financial Status & Living Situation: Department of Elder Affairs calculations based on Florida Population data and 2007-2011 American Community Survey
- Medically Underserved Population: Florida Department of Health
- Grandparents: Department of Elder Affairs calculations based on Florida Population data and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, Special Tabulation on Aging
- Skilled Nursing Facility Utilization, Adult Day Care, Adult Family Care Home, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Assisted Living Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Homemakers & Companion Service Companies, Hospitals: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
- Rural Designation: Based on the definition of Rural Designation by Rural Economic Development Initiative
- Medical Professionals: Florida Department of Health
- Driver's License: Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
- Food Stamps: Florida Department of Children and Families
- Registered Voters (Data as of 2/28/2013): Florida Department of State
- Households with Cost Burden Above 30% and income below 50% Area Median Income: The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies
- Median Household Incomes: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts
- Medicaid & Medicare Eligibility and Medicaid Eligibility: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
- Veterans Demographics: Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Disability Status: Department of Elder Affairs calculations based on Florida Population data and 2009-2011 American Community Survey Data
- DOEA Calculation based on the 2012 Population and Alzheimer's by Age in 2011 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report at http://www.alz.org/documents_custom/Facts_2011/ALZ_FL.pdf?type=interior_map&facts=undefined&facts=facts
- English Proficiency: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, Special Tabulation on Aging
- Cost of Living: Wider Opportunities for Women Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index) at <http://www.basiceconomicsecurity.org/EI/>

District
Director

Baltimore District

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Columbia County Senior
Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 1772
Lake City, Fl 32056

Employer Identification Number:

59-1447549

Person to Contact:
EP/EO Tax Examiner

Telephone Number:
(410) 962-5053

Date: June 24, 1997

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to your inquiry dated June 6, 1997, requesting a copy of the letter which granted tax exempt status to the above named organization.

Our records show that the organization was granted exemption from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code effective June 1975. We have also determined that the organization is not a private foundation because it is described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you under section 170 of the Code.

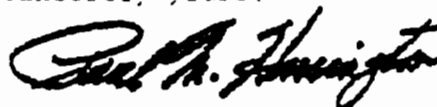
As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

You are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

A copy of our letter certifying the status of the organization is not available, however, this letter may be used to verify your tax-exempt status.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status, it should be kept in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,



Paul M. Harrington
District Director

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Lake City Columbia County Historical Museum



Request for Funds

Request

- ♦ Letter regarding question on funding
 - ♦ Original funding request
 - ♦ Bids
 - ♦ Letter of Support

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March 12, 2014

Board of County Commissioners
PO Box 1529
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Honorable Commission Members:

In response to a request made at the Budget Workshop on Thursday, March 6, 2014, I have attached our original request for funding that was submitted last year.

The request consists of two parts: a request for a new roof for the main 2-story part of the Museum building, and a request to repair some serious structural issues inside and outside of the building. The Museum advertised and received bids which were reviewed. These bids are listed on our attached budget request.

Lisa Roberts requested grant information from the museum. I can assure the Commissioners that the Museum does not have any funding from a grant at this time. The last grant received by the Museum was many years ago.

The Museum is almost entirely dependent upon funding from the City of Lake City Council in the amount of \$5,000.00 and from the Columbia County Commissioners budgeted through the Tourism Development Council in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Over the past 10 years the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners has helped with major repairs, Structural repairs, Air Conditioner replacement, and painting of the building. We have been very grateful for the county's help in maintaining the museum and its valuable collections and history. What we require at this time is a large request, but after much discussion the Museum Board feels that these repairs are necessary. In order to continue serving the local community, repairs are needed to maintain our 130-year-old house and its priceless contents.

As the museum celebrates its 25th year of operation I thank the Commission members for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean H. McMahon, Ph.D.
Museum President

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**Mr. Dale Williams
County Manager
Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1529
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March 14, 2013

Dear Dale:

I am writing you in my capacity this year as President of the Lake City - Columbia County Historical Museum Board of Directors. Let me begin by again expressing our appreciation for the generous support provided by the Board of County Commissioners and yourself, personally, for financial assistance relating to maintenance of the museum.

That support has come in the shape of providing funding for a new HVAC system, shoring-up support beams underneath the Vanzant House, tenting spraying for termites and repainting the exterior.

Today, we face a couple of new maintenance issues for which we are requesting assistance from the Board of County Commissioners. The accompanying correspondence details the emergency repairs that need to be resolved before additional damage occurs.

The needed work includes a new metal roof with flashing repairs and sealing the brick work around the chimneys with an estimated cost of \$25,000. A significant amount of the clapboard siding is rotting and needs to be replaced. Much of the museum needs repainting. Several walls in the house have experienced structural cracks and need to be replaced with new insulation and vapor-sealing. The cost for this aspect of the project is estimated to be an additional \$22,000.

Finally, as outlined at the beginning of the letter, a variety of cosmetic issues need to be addressed and the seven items identified has an estimated cost of \$3,500.

In all, we respectfully request consideration of approximately \$50,000 for the repair outlined. If need be, we certainly would be most appreciative if at least half of this funding could be identified in the County's year-end close out funding for 2011-12 and perhaps the remainder of the funding at close-out for the current 2012-13 fiscal year.

We certainly would welcome the opportunity to meet informally about these issues at a convenient time and place for you and the Commissioners, or to make a formal presentation at a board meeting.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this request and for the support Columbia County has provided to the historical museum in the past.

Sincerely,

**Sean McMahon
President**

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September 16, 2013

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
135 NE Hernando Avenue, Suite 203
Lake City, FL**

Regarding Previous Request to Fund Repairs

Honorable Commission Members:

In order to provide accurate figures and specific information regarding the repairs that are critical to the ongoing existence of the physical structure of the Museum, and to facilitate the Commission's decision regarding funding these, please consider the following:

A total of 12 "Invitations to Bid" were mailed via "Priority Mail" to eight (8) local contractors for the two, separate projects. Some contractors received "Invitations" to bid on both the Roof Replacement and Structural Repairs project while others received only the Roof related request.

The responses were:

- 1 - "Decline to Bid" form signed and returned by Robbie's Roofing
- 2 - Bids on Roof Replacement
 - Don Reed Construction - \$ 7,023.00
 - Plumb Level Construction \$ 11,715.00
- 2 - Bids on Structural Repairs
 - Plumb Level Construction - \$ 22,924.00
 - Jack Sobczak - \$ 25,913.00

Verbal Quotation from David Hall for replacement
Of main air conditioning unit with adequate "Trane" model \$ 6,000.00

The bid for the Roof Replacement was awarded to Don Reed Construction as it was a lower bid and the product specifications and anticipated work were not questionable.—\$ 7,023.00

The bid for the Structural Repairs was awarded to Jack Sobczak. The "Invitation to Bid" requested that submissions include references supporting the bidder's previous experience working on Vintage structures. The Department of State has very helpful guidelines for performing repairs and renovations to old structures, to include how paint must applied. The Museum has adhered to these guidelines when performing past repairs. Mr. Sobczak provided 4 local references and has previously performed acceptable work on the Museum. One of the 2 references provided by Plumb Level Construction is in Valdosta, GA while the other named is deceased. In the "Invitation to Bid", the Museum cited that it reserved the right to evaluate proposals submitted and to reject any or all respondents submitting proposals. That right was exercised in awarding the bid to the most qualified contractor.—\$ 25,913.00

Due to the nature of the Structural Repairs project, there is a high degree of probability that once siding is removed and the damage beneath is revealed that additional repairs, beyond those outlined in the bids will be required. It is unrealistic to expect a contractor to honor a quotation for work that can only be assessed based on visual inspection of exterior surfaces.

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September 16, 2013

Request to Fund Repairs

Therefore, in anticipation of the additional repairs, it is requested that the entire amount of \$50,000 be made available at this time.

The repairs that will be possible with this generous donation will permit the building that currently houses the irreplaceable collections to be brought up to a condition that will eliminate concern for the current state of deterioration that threatens the structure, and ultimately it's priceless contents.

This donation is a worthy investment towards preservation of a treasured historic structure and the priceless collections it houses.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean McMahon, Ph.D.
President

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Executive Director

Honorable Members of the
Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1529
Lake City, Florida 32056



March 31, 2014

Gentlemen,

I am writing you on behalf of the Blue Grey Army, Inc., to ask for your consideration of the request for funding for the Columbia County Historical Museum.

The museum property was purchased in 1983 from the May Vinzant Perkins family by the Historical Preservation Society and the Lake City Reporter. The building deed was later transferred to the Blue Grey Army and the Historic Preservation Board. After acquiring a State Grant the house was renovated for a historical museum. In 1987 the building was deeded from the Blue Grey Army and Historic Preservation Board to the Columbia County Historical Museum, Inc. It was opened to the public in 1989, or 25 years ago. It is staffed by non-paid volunteers, and although it is one of our older structures in the community, it is definitely to be admired for its 19th century architecture and historical significance. The major funding today for the operations of the Museum comes from donations. The City and County governments as well as the Blue Grey Army, Inc. are the largest contributors of funds, along with several private individuals.

A short history of the development of the Museum is attached to this letter.

The Museum contains local artifacts, family legacy information, and preserves many items from past generations. Many local schools bring their children through to view the contents and listen to stories from docents who man the facility.

It is the love of history that encourages the volunteers who take their time to sort and catalog material donated by our citizens who wish to donate, and have donated to the museum.

Now, we need financial assistance. There is the need for a new roof and some other structural improvements. The amount being requested is \$50,000. If this is not accomplished the Museum will not be able to safely function and the integrity of the structure will be jeopardized.

Please give this request for funding every consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Faye B. Warren
Faye Bowling Warren
Executive Director

Information on the Museum

- ♦ What's in the museum
- ♦ Educational Program for the Schools

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The Museum

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Although the County Courthouse burnt down, destroying many important records that would reveal exact dates, our records indicate that the single story, rear portion of the building existed before the Civil War (1861 or earlier) and that the front, two-story section would have been built around 1880 after Mr. and Mrs. John Vinzant Jr. purchased the property.

The architectural style of the house is "Italianate", which though not ornate, presents characteristics that are both utilitarian and attractive. Wide porches, tall windows and decorative woodwork are some of what typifies this style of architecture during the 1800's. The floor plan is essentially a "four square" with the four main rooms downstairs being duplicated upstairs.

The building retains the character of a Victorian residence both outside and in. Renovations have intentionally been made with every effort to preserve the unique qualities of the vintage structure.

The Museum is open to the public Wednesdays 2pm-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm. We offer guided tours (by appointment only), genealogical research, and public services via historical re-enactment.

Inside the Museum, the downstairs includes a "Formal Parlor" which is furnished with East Lake settee and chairs much as would have been in use in the late 1800's. Many of the Vinzant family artifacts are displayed in the parlor. Numerous family pictures adorn the walls and the sewing machine that was used to make much of the girls' clothing is kept here.

The Blue-Grey room is maintained in appreciation of the tireless efforts of the Blue-Grey Army to keep the Museum in operation since its acquisition in the early 1980's. Without the financial support, in addition to artifact donation and physical labor, the Museum likely would not have become a reality. As the name belies, the Civil War room houses all type of artifacts from the War Between the States. Pictures, diaries, war memorabilia, logs, firearms, swords and books are only a few of the items curated.

The Patriot room adjoins the Civil War collections. Opened in 2009, the Patriot room honors all military personnel from every conflict or war where the American way has been defended. Although still a work in progress, the room already contains quite a collection of items, pictures and documents from most all major wars.

The rear portion of the building is the kitchen which contains miscellaneous items from various eras. An interesting room, the beaded board on the walls and the wide floorboards speak to the 150 years of its existence.

Upstairs would have been four bedrooms. One room is maintained as such and is furnished in Eastlake, a common style for the era. A second room is the Native American room, which presents a colorful glimpse into the life, tools and clothing of various Florida and North American Indian tribes. A model of a Creek village, with Ceremonial Square and other buildings is a prominent feature.

The third room is the Children's room and is currently "a work in progress", with the goal being a hands on exhibit of kids' activities over the past century plus. Additionally a scenic "timeline" of Florida History is being done on the walls of this room.

The fourth bedroom is assigned the mission of "store room", housing surplus inventory and collections that are not displayed.

For more information, send us a request on our Contact Us page,

or call (386) 755-9096

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Teachers and Educators

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The Lake City-Columbia County Historical Museum offers quality educational programs. All programs meet Sunshine State Standards, promote critical thinking skills, and include multidisciplinary activities that enhance skills assessed through FCAT. You do not need to be a formal public or private school group to book a tour or program. Home-school groups, adult groups, scouting groups, and any others are always welcome.

Visitors will learn about the history of North Florida, the Vinzant Family and the Museum's collections. The Museum's Educational Program offers a docent guided tour tailored to the group with a handout that contains games and puzzles about area history, given to each student.

Children and adults are encouraged to join the museum staff in their annual living history presentations.

History Alive! Traveling Show

The Lake City-Columbia County Historical Museum Traveling Trunk is designed to complement history lessons for third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students at public schools, Christian schools, private academies and for children who are homeschooled. The program generally runs about an hour-and-a-half and includes photo boards, artifacts and replicas, with information patterned after FCAT benchmarks.

The program is hands-on and interactive. History Alive! includes an artifact-illustrated timeline that traces Lake City and Columbia County history from 5000 B.C. to the mid 1900s. Using maps and photos, our traveling docents try to teach children about state and local history.

History Alive! is completely portable and can be presented to multiple classes at the same time. Students who watch the presentation become certified as "history sleuths."

The Florida Heritage Education Program

A statewide initiative sponsored by the Museum of Florida History, the Florida Heritage Education Program (FHEP) provides educational materials, workshops, and teacher in-service to enhance awareness and appreciation of Florida's historical and cultural legacies. Heritage education stresses the use of primary sources-including documents, buildings, objects, traditional culture, narratives, artwork, music, dance, and landscapes-as well as local resources such as museums, historic sites, and archives to teach children and adults about the past and its relationship to the present.

The Florida Heritage Education Program lesson plans consist of twenty-eight classroom-tested activity guides that introduce Florida history, culture, preservation, archaeology, and folklife through a variety of creative strategies. Correlated with the Sunshine State Standards, the lessons are geared primarily for grades 4 to 8, although most can be tailored to other age groups. In addition to the activity procedure, each plan typically includes background reading, a list of related books or places to visit, replicable student worksheets or handouts, a timeline that sets the topic into historical context, and activity extensions. If you are interested in acquiring these worksheets please contact the museum staff.

Getting Ready to Visit the Lake City-Columbia County Historical Museum?

Here are some suggestions that will help make your visit a good one.

Print this page to share with your partner teachers or teacher aids.

Before you contact us to schedule your visit, please select at least three possible dates for your trip.

If you have any students who may need special assistance, please call in advance.

Your confirmation will be emailed to you.

Please provide one chaperone for every 10 students.

We encourage your class to explore the site in groups of 10 - 15 students.

Please, no food or open beverages are allowed in the building.

For more information on any of our Educational Programs please contact:
Pat McElhaney at edisto1@windstream.net or by phone at 386-755-9096

Financial Report

Lake City Columbia County Historical Museum

Expenses by Category	Checking Account	Maintenance Account	150th Account
Alarm	\$711.00		
Electric	\$1,246.64		
Garbage pickup	\$154.54		
Lawn Service	\$1,140.00		
Phone & DSL Service	\$1,977.82		
Exterminator	\$555.18		
Water/Sewer	\$789.56		
Fortwhite Thespian Guild	\$200.00		
Insurance	\$1,815.01		
Website	\$70.00		
Stamps/Postage			
Supplies (cleaning, archival storage, office etc.)	\$192.00		
Advertising - Lake City Reporter			
PO Box annual rental	\$120.00		
Public Relations/Advertising - Chamber Membership	\$185.00		
Maintenance (AC, structure, fire extinguishers)	\$10,285.60		\$1,100.00
CPA - Tax Preparations (2 years @ \$375)	\$750.00		
Sales Tax			
Division of Corp. annual report	\$61.25		
Olustee	\$229.47		
Moved from Maintenance			
TOTAL	\$20,293.07	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Income by Category			
Lightening Strike Claim payment	\$6,873.51		
Blue Grey Army	\$3,000.00		
TDC/Board of CC	\$5,000.00		
City of Lake City	\$5,000.00		
Fort White Gun Club (for FWHS Thespians)	\$200.00		
Bingo Station	\$1,775.00		
Misc. Other Donations	\$239.97		
Interest from Checking account	\$6.20		
Total	\$22,094.68		
Beginning Checking Account Balance	\$323.39		
Total Donation Deposits	\$15,215.97		
Checking account interest	\$6.20		
Insurance Claim	\$6,873.51		
Total Expenditures from Checking Account	\$20,293.07		
Ending Checking Account Balance	\$2,126.00		
Beginning 150th Celebration Account Balance	\$1,112.79		
Maintenance - Alarm	\$1,100.00		
Ending Balance 150th Celebration Account	\$12.79		
Beginning Maintenance Account Balance	\$1,027.07		
Deposits			
Ending Balance Maintenance Account	\$1,027.07		
*Deposit of Money for "Quilt Walk" Event	\$2,325.67		

History of Museum

Columbia County Historical Museum, Inc.

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A SHORT HISTORY

Earliest Courthouse records show a transfer of property from William O. Thon of Bradford County to John Vinzant Jr. for \$450 March 31, 1880.

May Vinzant Perkins, born in 1878, lived here most of her life before moving to Tanglewood Convalescent Center where she died in 1961 at the age of 102.

Property purchased by Historic Preservation Board and the Lake City Reporter in October 1963 for \$42,000; \$19,000 was paid for the house and \$23,000 was paid for the 24' wide lot on the East.)

On day of closing a simultaneous deed was issued to the Blue/Grey Army for 1/4 undivided interest in the house by the Historic Preservation Board with an agreement that both groups would pay the mortgage and endeavor to restore and readapt the use of the house for a historical museum.

1964 - Columbia County Historical Society donates \$5,000 to the Blue/Grey Army and Historic Preservation Board for the museum.

1964 Blue/Grey Army and Historic Preservation Board awarded a Matching Grant from the State of Florida, Department of State, for \$9,000. Money to be used to develop an architectural plan for re-adaptive use of the property as a museum.

1965 - Architectural Bid awarded to R.A. McKellips and Associates for \$9930. Construction plans and drawings presented in September.

1966 - Formation of The Columbia County Historical Museum, Inc., composed of representatives of the Blue/Grey Army and Historic Preservation Board.

1966 - \$65,000 Special Category Grant awarded by the State of Florida, Department of State, for Phase I of construction: stabilization, roof repair etc.

1967 - Property deeded from Historic Preservation Board and Blue/Grey Army to the Columbia County Historical Museum Inc.

1967 - Bid awarded for Phase I to David Nixon, General Contractor.

1968 - Columbia County Historical Society donates \$1,000 to further work progress on museum.

1968 - Asked Paul Young to serve as Project Coordinator for Phase II of Construction.

1968 - \$62,000 Special Category Grant awarded by the State of Florida, Department of State, to complete Phase II of project.

1969 - Museum Opens!

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Renovation Expenditures

Phase I

Exterior Carpentry
Painting
Porch Restoration
Roof Repair
Window Repairs
Foundation Stabilization
Floor Repairs
Electrical Rough-In

TOTAL PHASE I COST — \$85,000

Phase II

Interior Repairs
Floors
Plaster Removal / Replacement
Painting
Carpentry
Central Heating Installation
Air Conditioning Installation
Fire and Security System Installation
Handicapped Access Ramp
Electrical and Plumbing Work

TOTAL PHASE II COST — \$62,000