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November 20, 2020

Anthony W. Rosa

Chief of Police

Sunrise Police Department

10440 W. Oakland Park Blvd.

Sunrise, Florida 33351

Dear Chief Rosa,

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. (WID), a 501c3 charitable organization, is requesting a donation from the City of Sunrise Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) in the amount of \$4,000. Women In Distress understands and acknowledges that these LETF monies are governed by Florida State Statute 932.7055 and can only be expended on very specific and identifiable items or services and include crime prevention, safe neighborhood initiatives, drug abuse education and drug prevention programs.

Women In Distress began as a modest 4-bedroom refuge for homeless women in 1974, has now grown to serve more than 3,000 survivors of domestic violence on an annual basis. On behalf of the families we serve, we would like to thank the City of Sunrise Police Department for taking a continued stance against domestic violence abuse. You join us on the front lines as we continue to work *to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, advocacy and education*, it is important for us to reflect upon our accomplishments.

Last fiscal year, with the help of funds provided by the City of Sunrise Law Enforcement Trust Fund, Women In Distress provided 46 residents from Sunrise with 239 nights of safe shelter; answered 175 calls from residents to our 24-Hour Crisis Hotline; provided Outreach services to 41 residents, including individual therapy and group counseling, advocacy referrals, and more; and filed 10 Injunctions for Protection.

In total last fiscal year, Women In Distress was able to provide 3,282 adults and children recovering from domestic violence abuse with much-needed services, including over 25,828 nights of emergency shelter, 21,044 calls into our Crisis Hotline, and 30,027 hours of advocacy and therapy, which included referrals to trusted substance abuse providers including Henderson Behavioral Health and others. We are proud to say, even during COVID and the lockdown, we remained open to help those survivors who needed help. WID is the only nationally accredited, state certified, full service domestic violence agency in Broward County, the largest domestic violence agency in Florida and one of the oldest in the country. Our programs continue to empower survivors of domestic violence to safely flee their abusers and establish a life free from abuse.

Domestic violence is a pervasive issue that is detrimental to all communities – it occurs among all ethnic and racial groups, across all socioeconomic backgrounds, in urban, suburban and rural areas alike. The exposure of young children to such violence is occurring at an alarming rate. The U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and fatalities in this country. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) one in three women

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and one in four men will experience abuse in their lifetime. At that rate, 309,205 of the 936,985 women living in Broward

County (2010 U.S. Census Bureau) will experience abuse, and so may her dependent children based on statistics that indicate the majority of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.

Women In Distress addresses the issue of domestic violence by offering a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, individual counseling, support groups and professional trainings aimed at educating the community on domestic violence. While our first priority is to address the critical needs of domestic violence victims – emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation, medical assistance – our services are designed to empower victims to live a self-sufficient, self-determined, violence-free life. Most recently, Women In Distress became one of three domestic violence shelters in Florida to open a pet shelter, reducing yet another barrier for those seeking services. All services at WID are provided to domestic violence victims and their children at no cost.

Our funding request from the City of Sunrise Law Enforcement Trust Fund will supplement a portion of the cost associated with providing residents of Sunrise with domestic violence programs to include:

- Emergency Shelter
- Crisis Hotline
- Therapy
- Counseling and Advocacy – includes referrals to providers who can assist survivors with substance abuse issues, such as Henderson Behavioral Health and others
- Education and Prevention – includes a Safe Dates program in middle schools to educate students on date rape drug precautions
- Economic Empowerment and Justice
- Injunction for Protection (IFP)
- Pet Shelter

We need your help now more than ever to keep our life-changing programs and services available to survivors at no cost. As we approach the coming months with uncertainty, one thing remains firm – our commitment to keeping families safe. We hope that you can continue to join us in this commitment as a community partner. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Director of Development Michael Barron at 954-760-9800 ext. 1278 or mbarron@womenindistress.org.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Parker, Ph.D.
President and CEO





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December 4, 2020

Anthony W. Rosa
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Chief Rosa,

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. received a donation of \$4,000 during fiscal year 2019/2020 from the City of Sunrise, Florida Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF). This letter hereby acknowledges that these funds were expended in accordance with Florida State Statute 932.7055.

Sincerely,

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2020 Breakdown of Expenditures - City of Sunrise Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf)
 Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc.
 January 1, 2020-November 30, 2020

ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
Hotline Calls	24 Hour Crisis Line including 24-hour crisis intervention services through our hotline and emergency shelter facilities. Emergency Shelter including safe shelter, service management, and supportive services such as food from our food pantry, and clothing and household items from our Thrift Store.	130	\$10.19	\$1,324.70
Shelter Nights		336	\$131.70	\$44,251.20
Outreach	Outreach and Supportive Services including counseling, group sessions, therapy, children counseling, respite, and advocacy.	547.33	\$49	\$26,819.17
TOTAL VALUE OF SERVICES PROVIDED FUNDING FROM LETF				\$72,395.07
				\$4,000