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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency Request of \$300,000 to Provide Emergency Funding
for Lines for Life Crisis Lines

Department of County Human Services has requested \$300,000 of General Fund contingency be appropriated to provide emergency funding for the Crisis Lines program that is operated by the nonprofit organization Lines for Life, and that provides statewide suicide intervention and other crisis counseling services. Lines for Life has experienced a severe drying up of its historic funding source. This contingency funding will allow the Crisis Lines program to continue to operate for the current fiscal year, while the organization develops a strategy for long term viability.

General Fund Contingency Policy Compliance

The Budget Office is required to inform the Board if contingency requests submitted for approval satisfy the general guidelines and policies for using the General Fund Contingency.

In particular,

- Criteria 1 states contingency requests should be for one-time-only purposes. **This request is for one-time-only funding for Lines for Life to maintain operations while it develops new long term funding strategies.**
- Criteria 2 addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations. **This request was not anticipated or discussed during the Budget process.**
- Criteria 3 address items identified in Board Budget Notes. **This item was not identified in the Board Budget Notes for Fiscal Year 2014.**