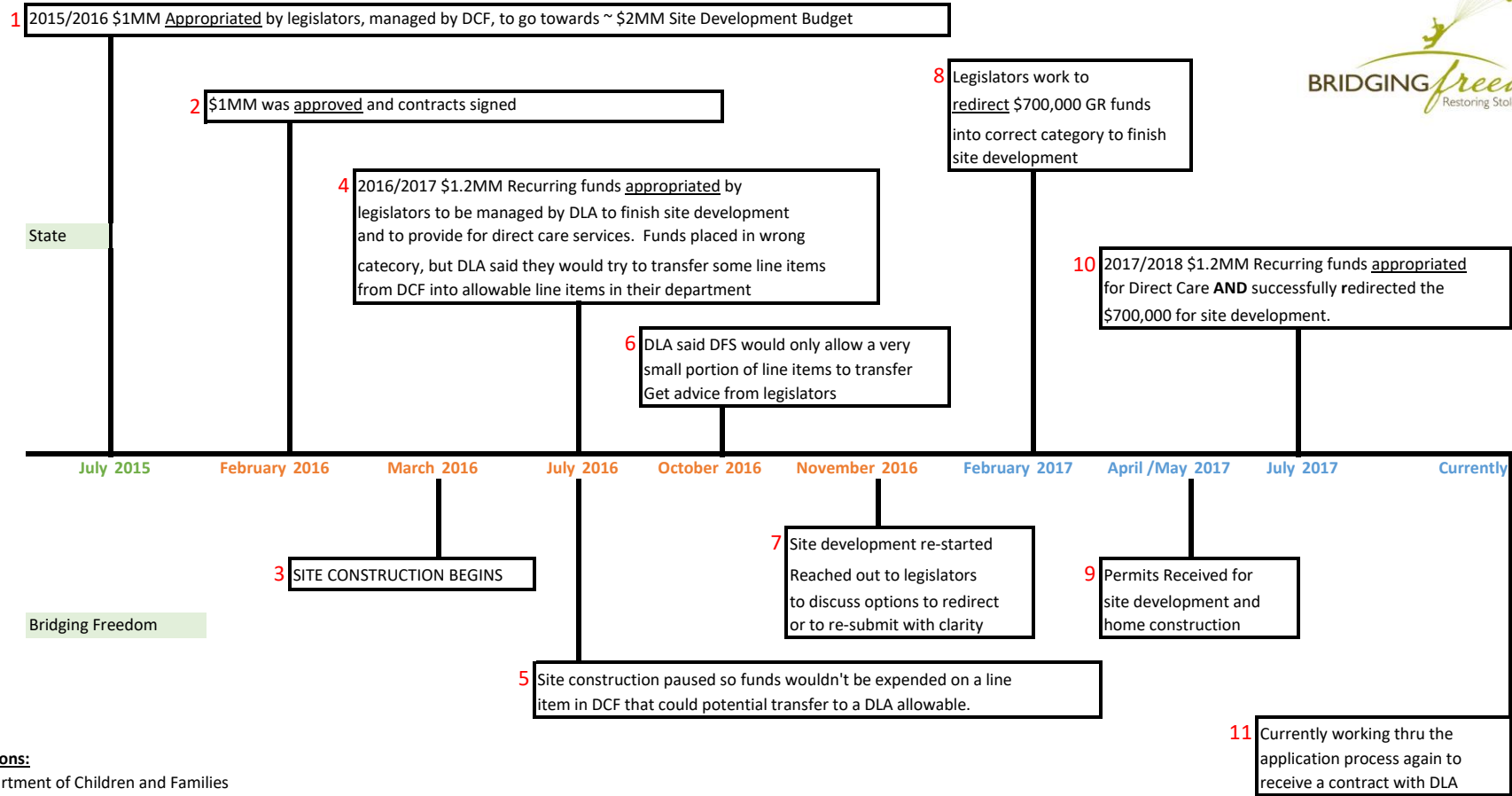


## Bridging Freedom State Funding - Timeline of Appropriations, Contracts & Disbursements



**Abbreviations:**

- DCF - Department of Children and Families
- DLA - Department of Legal Affairs
- DFS - Department of Financial Services

2015 July

1 and 2 In July of 2015, \$1 Million was appropriated by the legislation for site development of the property for the safe home campus and became part of the 2015/2016 State of Florida Budget. This was the first appropriation for Bridging Freedom. The application and contract process took 7 months. Distributions are managed by the Department of Children and Families. Funds are disbursed only when invoices from contractors are submitted incrementally as the development progresses.

3 2016 March

The first disbursement of the 2015 appropriation didn't begin until March 2016. Development of the site began. Funds are not distributed until invoices for the contractors is submitted.

4 and 5 2016 July

The legislators appropriated \$1.2 Recurring funds in the 2016/2017 Florida Budget to help finish the site development and to also provide funds for the program therapy.

However, the funds were place in a wrong category within the Department of Legal Affairs that would not allow for site development.

While the Department of Legal Affairs worked hard to try to approve the funds, we stopped drawing from the \$1 million awarded in Department of Children and Families because some of the line items in our site development budget could possibly be transferred over to the category allowables within the Department of Legal Affairs.

6 2016 October

We received word that very few line items could be transferred and to reach out to our legislators to ask about redirecting the funds into a correct category in next year's budget.

The application and contract was denied.

7 8 9 2016 November

With this understanding, we knew permit line items would stay within the DCF budget, so site development was re-started and progressed. We spoke with our legislators over the next few months to discuss ways to find a solution.

8 2017 February

The decision was made to RE-DIRECT \$700,000 of the \$1.2 million to a correct category and move it from the 2016/2017 budget to the 2017/2018 budget.

The remaining \$500,000 by default was not available either.

10 2017 July

The \$700,000 was successfully redirected and became part of the 2017/2018 signed budget for site development to continue. These funds will now go through an application and contract process through the Department of Legal Affairs. Bridging Freedom also stayed within the budget for the recurring funds to be used for direct care services; meaning funds will provide for the therapists, educator, nurse for the campus program. These funds will also be managed by the Department of Legal Affairs.

11 Currently working through the application process to be able to contract the \$700,000 redirected funds for site development. When this application is approved and goes into the contract process, we will then begin working through the application process for the \$1.2 million for direct care services.

Expected

Opening We expect site development to be completed this Fall for community home sponsors to begin building. Early 2018 professional staff will be hired, trained and oriented to begin receiving girls in the spring.

Funds released to date by the state agencies:

