



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1953

1. Title of Project: Exchange Club Parent Aide - Duval

2. Senate Sponsor: Aaron Bean

3. Date of Submission: 02/23/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Exchange Club Family Center of Jacksonville proposes to expand their child abuse prevention efforts in Duval County by providing evidence-based, in-home Parent Aide services to at risk and underserved population identified by the Department of Children and Families and/or our local community partners. This will include families with high risk behaviors not warranting child removal and not receiving services through the local CBC providers. Services will be provided throughout Duval County and other NE Florida counties which may be deemed in need of services by DCF regional management.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Children and Families
State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	293,655
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	293,655

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	293,655	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	293,655	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. If current efforts to obtain other funding from local sources are unsuccessful, future funding may be sought.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Admin. Costs are calculated at 11% - includes ED, Finance, HR & Admin.	17,240
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	3 F/T Parent Aides (\$111,000) , one P/T Parent Aide (\$20,000), one F/T Parent Aide Program Director(\$45,000), 2 P/T Peer Recovery Specialists (\$25,500), .0765 taxes(\$15,415) and 300/mo for F/T (4 F/T) (\$14,400)	231,315
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage reimbursement @.54/mile \$25,500; Occupancy \$3,600; Technology \$3,600; Training/conferences \$4,400; Materials for families/workbooks \$3,000; Emergency Flex Funds for families enrolled in the program \$5,000	45,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		293,655

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

There are two primary goals for the funds requested: GOAL ONE is to help families stay safe and together, and to deter DCF intervention and removal of the child(ren) from the home. This funding will allow us to meet the needs of 110 additional families (approximately 264 children) who will benefit from Parent Aide services but who do not qualify for services through Child Welfare Services unless or until the situation worsens and DCF must intervene. Per DCF, foster care costs per child average \$40,000 annually while Parent Aide prevention services cost approximately \$1,200 per child. GOAL TWO is to contribute case outcome information to research being conducted by the National Exchange Club Foundation designed to assist Parent Aide achieve classification as a 'Well-Supported' in-home prevention program. Once achieved, Parent Aide may be used to draw-down additional matching federal funding through the Family First Act guidelines.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Staff will be recruited and trained allowing us to provide Parent Aide services to an additional 110 families throughout the year. This equates to approximately 264 children served as historical data indicates an average of 2.4 children and 1.7 adults per household are served by our Duval County Parent Aide program. All Parent Aide staff are certified in the Parent Aide model by the Director of our National Exchange Club Foundation



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Dept. of Prevention Services and are additionally certified in Nurturing Parenting curriculum and Nurturing Families Through Recovery curriculum by Certified Trainers in each program. We will visit the family weekly, in-home, for 60-90 minutes and provide additional referrals to local service providers as needs are identified. Referrals to Parent Aide are accepted from many sources.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Parent Aide prevention services are provided as a service to families experiencing issues which are often associated with the families of children removed from their home and placed in the foster care system. There has been much research which reveals that even when conditions in a child's home are deemed unsafe, removal of the child is still a traumatic experience for the family to endure, most especially the child. Our services provide not only trauma-informed and evidence-based instructional curriculum and guidance on issues that all parents face, but Parent Aide staff seek to develop a trusting relationship with adults in the program, and to serve as a mentor and role model.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

110 At-Risk families equaling approximately 484 individuals. Parent Aide families in Duval Co average 2.4 children and 2 adults per household. Our target population will be families identified as at-risk for abuse and neglect who are potentially candidates for foster care without intervention services. Parent Aide is also working with the local task force to design the federally mandated 'Plan of Safe Care Act of 2016' in Duval County for any expectant mother or newborn who is determined to be substance-exposed. By including an intensive in-home service such as Parent Aide in the family's 'Plan of Safe Care', many newborns will have a better opportunity to grow up in a healthy and nurturing environment and DCF intervention may be avoided. Our target population is basically any family deemed at-risk for abuse and neglect whose children have not been removed from the home but who need services in order to maintain a safe, stable and nurturing environment without DCF intervention.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

There are several benefits of the Parent Aide program, based on research and recently reviewed data. First and foremost, our goal is to keep families together and out of the foster care system. To that end, cases provided in Duval County for the past nine years were recently reviewed by the regional DCF office and it was determined that 98.6% had no confirmed incident of abuse or neglect within six months of successful case closure and even after one year, 95.6% still had no confirmed incident of abuse or neglect. These outcomes exceed the required standard measurement M03 established for Community-Based Care agencies of Florida, and exceeds the outcome of any CBC as noted on the Florida DCF website which provides this information: (<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childwelfare/dashboard/cbc-scorecard.shtml> .) Secondly, the Parent Aide model indicates highest level of success when parents complete a minimum of 6 months in the program.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

If we fail to expand our Parent Aide program to 110 new families, we will discuss return of the funds.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.



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N/A.

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
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 - Local Entity
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