



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1989

**1. Title of Project:** Eckerd Connects - CARES Evidence-Based Pilot Program

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Debbie Mayfield

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/19/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

To implement the evidence-based CARES program in Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco Counties. This funding request is to support a second CARES pilot demonstration replication project in Circuits 13 and 6. The CARES program model is an evidence-based child abuse prevention and diversion program that safely diverts entry into the dependency system using intensive care coordination and Wraparound Family Team Conferencing. CARES and Wraparound are listed as level 3 evidence-based practice programs at the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse and meet the requirements as Promising Practices under the newly enacted federal Family First Prevention Services Act.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Children and Families

State Agency Contacted? No

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

| Type of Funding                    | Amount         |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations                         | 757,921        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               |                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>757,921</b> |

**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)       | 757,921        | 100.00%       |
| Federal  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Local  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Other  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b> | <b>757,921</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

**8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes**

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | NonRecurring |                             |        |
| 2016-17                  |           | 50,000       |                             | No     |

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No**

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



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| Spending Category  | Description  | Amount         |
|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>   |  |                |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits                    | Project Program Director   | 61,787         |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |  |                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |  |                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Administration costs at 10% of all allowable expenses for Eckerd Connects.   | 46,421         |
| <b>Operational Costs:</b>  |  |                |
| Salary and Benefits  | 2 Supervisors; 4 Care Coordinators; and 2 Family Partners  | 313,067        |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | Travel, cell phone, rent, insurance, occupancy and training for all staff listed above.  | 89,360         |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | National Center for Innovation and Excellence who will oversee the implementation, early adoption, and sustainability. The NCFIE will use the funding to provide technical assistance, consultation and training to Eckerd using implementation science to successfully install and sustain the CARES program. Installation of the CARES model will reduce the cost of serving children and their families while ensuring positive outcomes. | 247,286        |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |  |                |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      |  |                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>757,921</b> |

**11. Program Performance:**

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

This funding request is to support a second CARES pilot demonstration replication project in Circuits 6 and 13. The CARES program model is an evidence-based child abuse prevention and diversion program that safely diverts entry into the dependency system using intensive care coordination and Wraparound Family Team Conferencing. CARES and Wraparound are listed as level 3 Evidence Based Practice programs at the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse and meet the requirements as Promising Practices under the newly enacted Family First Prevention Services Act

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

Provides funding for a joint partnership between Eckerd Connects who will implement the program model and the National Center for Innovation and Excellence who will oversee the implementation, early adoption, and sustainability. Eckerd Connects will use the funding to implement the CARES program model under the Lead Agencies in Circuits 6 and 13 to reduce entry into foster care, to stabilize youth who are experiencing disruptions in placements and to work with caregivers of youth with complex needs to achieve and increase permanency.



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

Evidence-based wraparound case management services to children and families at risk of entering the formal child welfare system.

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

Families at risk of entering the formal child welfare system. This program has proven to support families to keep children at home safely, and out of the formal child welfare system. If fully funded, between 100 and 200 children should be served in the first complete year.

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

Installation of the CARES model will reduce the cost of serving children and their families while ensuring positive outcomes. This pilot demonstration project will: • Reduce the number of youth placed in out of home care • Reduce the length of stay of youth in deep end placements • Reduce entry into care and; • Reduce recidivism while serving children and their families at a much lower cost to the system.

**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?**

Retain the last contract payment for this program until the deliverables are met.

**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.**

N/A.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Eckerd Connects
- b. **County:** Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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