



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2039

1. **Title of Project:** SailFuture Campus
2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes
3. **Date of Submission:** 02/18/2019
4. **Project/Program Description:**

SailFuture is an innovative child welfare agency for high-risk teens in foster care. In partnership with Eckerd Kids, we seek to build a specialized mental health, job training, and private education campus for foster youth in crisis in Circuit's 6 and 13. On any given school day, dozens of teens sit at group homes, with transporters, or case managers in offices rather than in school. Hundreds more struggle in GED centers and schools unable to meet their unique emotional and academic needs. Fewer than 50% of these teens will go on to earn a high school diploma, entering adulthood with no education, family support, or employment opportunity. For many, homelessness begins at their 18th birthday.

On campus, students will receive non-traditional therapy, participate in a job training apprenticeship, and work towards their high school diploma. 18+ services include transitional housing, job placement, and transportation assistance. Eckerd Kids has agreed to provide operational funding.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Juvenile Justice  
State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	205,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	695,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>900,000</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)	900,000	50.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other	900,000	50.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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



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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Furniture and job training equipment for culinary training kitchen, maritime apprenticeship, and construction apprenticeship, and private school.	205,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction and renovation costs to new and existing buildings.	695,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>900,000</b>

11. Program Performance:

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

Remedy the current foster care crisis in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. On any given school day, dozens of foster teens sit with transporters or case managers in Lead Agency offices rather than in school. Hundreds more struggle at schools and GED centers unable to meet their unique emotional and academic needs. Fewer than 30% of these teens will go on to earn a high school diploma, entering adulthood with no education, family support, or employment opportunity. For many, homelessness begins at their 18th birthday. The Lead Agency and its contracted partners have struggled for several years to implement solutions for this difficult to reach population, and have asked SailFuture to build a sustainable model to meet these young people's needs. The funds requested will be utilized to renovate an existing building and construct a new building where SailFuture will provide services to these teens.

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

SailFuture will renovate an existing buildings and construct a new 3,000 sqft building for office, classroom, and job training facility space. The activities and services are outlined in section C.) 'Direct services provided to citizens.'

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

Foster youth between the ages of 13 and 18 will receive the following services: 1. Non-traditional counseling 2. Apprenticeship-style job training 3. Private school education grades 8th - 12th 4. Post 18 job training and housing support



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

40 high-risk foster youth between the ages of 13 - 18 will be served per year.

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

Youth will achieve emotional stability, maintain a stable schedule, attain their high school diploma, build life skills and apprenticeship specific job skills, and transition into adulthood with a support system and necessary resources for further growth and stability. Specifically, we will measure the following outcomes: 1.) Daily attendance; 2.) Quarterly academic growth measured through Math, Reading, and Writing STAR Assessments; 3.) High school graduation rate; 4.) Job Training Badges earned; 5.) Life skill Badges earned; 6.) Quarterly emotional growth measuring emotional regulation and coping skills development; 7.) Post 18th birthday employment rate; 8.) Post 18th birthday housing stability; 9.) Licensed foster placement stability; and 10.) Recidivism / arrest rate.

**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?**

To be determined.

**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.**

SailFuture is the owner of the land and facility.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- d. **Phone Number:** (941)219-9847

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** SailFuture
- b. **County:** 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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#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**