



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1718

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Youth and Family Alternatives (YAF) is currently searching for a piece of property approximately five or more acres in which it can build a custom 15,000 square foot facility for its adoption and foster care services in Hernando County. This \$2.5 Million project would incorporate family visitation rooms, counseling rooms and reunification areas, along with adequate storage areas for foster youth to store their personal belongings. A 2,500 square foot building will be created for use by Pasco Kids First (PKF). This area will have separate entrance and exits and will be utilized to support their mission. Many families may overlap services between the two agencies, and a coordinated site would remove additional transportation barriers these families may experience. Local matching funds will be utilized as a portion of the project funding. YFA is prepared to debt service the remaining portion to complete the project.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="500,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="500000"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	500,000	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
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9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land purchase for joint agency building - \$500,000	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

YFA and PKF believe that inter-agency collaboration is critical in order to provide the continuity that is needed to turn fragmented human services into a system that addresses the multiple needs of children and families. The specific purpose and goal of this project is to provide healthy skills, preventative services, safety, well-being and permanency for the children of our community. The building location will house both YFA case management and community based care teams and PKF Healthy Families programs. The ideal site will be near the Hernando County Court House to allow case managers easy access to hearings and proceedings relating to their youth. It would also be near public transportation routes for family access to YFA and PKF services and supports.

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

YFA and Pasco Kids First will work with local licensed contractors and real estate agents to secure the land and to receive quotes for the design and creation of the building. Upon determination of a vendor, permits will be filed as needed and work will be overseen by YFA until completion. The result of this building will allow the thousands of youth and their families served by YFA and Pasco Kids First the ability to receive case management and counseling in a physically safe and secure environment, while cutting rental costs for both agencies, which will be put back into services and supports locally.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The new building will create a coordinated location where youth and families will be provided foster care case management, adoption case management, skilled nursing care for youth, trauma informed counseling, abuse prevention classes, reunification services and family support staff. The building will house 30 case managers, 10 supervisors, 5 family support workers and 9 administrative team members from YFA; and 1 supervisor, and 6 family support workers as well as two trauma therapists from PKF.

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

In FY 18-19, over 1,000 youth received foster and/or adoption case management services through YFA. Pasco Kids First reviewed more than 6,600 child abuse reports and served nearly 1,500 children with abuse assessments or therapy sessions. As the population of our counties continue to grow and families continue to experience social and economic challenges, more children will be at-risk of abuse and neglect, involvement with law enforcement and juvenile justice, and the demand for the prevention services and ongoing case management for youth who enter foster care and those needing adoption will continue to grow.

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

YFA has leased a building to house the case management operations for foster and adoption services in Hernando County. Monthly rent for the 10,750 sq ft building is currently \$13,437.50 and will increase in August of 2020 to \$13,840.63. Pasco Kids First's Healthy Families program is currently in negotiation with multiple lease options for approximately 2,600 square feet in the Brooksville area to house both the Healthy Families and Trauma Therapy Program with a base rate of \$13 per sq ft + \$2 per sq ft in CAM charges.

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?

Should YFA fail to reach the deliverables or perform below standards, the funds will be returned to the state.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

YFA would serve as the owner of the facility. All funds provided through this request will go directly towards the purchase of land and creation of a building to provide direct services to the thousands of youth that receive foster or adoption case management, along with the hundreds of youth and their families that receive preventative care and trauma counseling through Pasco Kids First.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For-profit Entity

Non-Profit 501(c) (3)

Non-Profit 501(c) (4)

Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.