



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1794

1. **Project Title** Heart Gallery of Florida - Child Finder

2. **Senate Sponsor** Lauren Book

3. **Date of Request** 12/11/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Child Finder will [via technology] recruit, train and match prospective foster and adoptive parents to children waiting to be adopted from foster care. This program has been debuted in Central Florida for the last 18 months and increased families to adopt and decreased the wait time and provided a cost savings to the state by creating more forever families. Our goal is to launch statewide in partnership with the community of care.

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

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,050,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	1,050,000

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)	1050000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,050,000	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		

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	Project Director in all 14 Heart Galleries across the State at \$35,000 each.	490,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology Feature for Program Function at \$25,000 at all 14 Heart galleries statewide.	350,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Marketing/Webinar for each of the 14 Heart Galleries in Florida at \$15,000 each.	210,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,050,000



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11. Program Performance

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

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

The Child Finder Tracker is promoted within the advocate community to recruit, track, and match families waiting for foster care, lessening the burden on the State to house children in group homes and/or general care.

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

The direct services will be building families and improving tracking, which is currently done manually. This service will allow the provider the prospective parent and approved advocates access to the matching and tracking system.

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

At risk youth, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students.

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

Improve mental health, enrich cultural experience, enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency and reduce recidivism. Adopting a child will help improve the child's mental and emotional health, it will increase their sufficiency and will break the cycle of the child becoming apart of the juvenile justice 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?

Standard contract penalties for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures are adequate.



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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.

N/A

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.