



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1959

1. **Project Title** Pathways to Home - Supportive Housing for Child Welfare Involved Families

2. **Senate Sponsor** David Simmons

3. **Date of Request** 11/04/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

Pathways to Home, a program of Embrace Families Solutions Inc., will locate and secure permanent housing for 20 child welfare-involved families who are experiencing homelessness. The program will provide needs-based financial assistance, career training, job placement support, financial literacy training, landlord/ tenant mitigation, childcare options, payment of moving costs, rent assistance, utility assistance, case planning, and referrals to supportive services such as employment, mental health, behavioral health, and/ or substance abuse services.

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	488,074
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	488,074

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)	488074	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	488,074	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		
Other Salary and Benefits	Case manager supervisor (.10 FTE) for supervision of the case manager for this project and assurance of quality services provided to families served. Requested: Salary - \$5,150; Taxes - \$433; Benefits - \$940	6,523
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Indirect administrative cost (10% of expenses)	44,370
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Case manager (1 FTE) to provide direct housing stabilization services to 20 families over a twelve month period. Based on \$36,000 annual salary. Requested: Salary - \$36,000 - Taxes - \$3,028 - Benefits - \$8,704. Housing Locator (.36 FTE) to identify and secure permanent housing for participating families. Requested: Salary - \$12,236 - Taxes - \$1,029 - Benefits - \$3,101.	64,098
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Financial assistance to 20 families - \$360,858 - includes needs-based rental assistance, rental/ utility deposits, rental application fees and flex funds for child care, adult education and transportation to remove barriers to self-sufficiency. Office supplies - \$100; Project 1.51 cell phone - \$964; Project FTE Occupancy - \$7,358; Case Manager Travel (mileage and tolls) - \$2,703 - Computer (one-time) - \$1,000 Background Screening (one-time) - \$100.	373,083
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		488,074



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11. Program Performance

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

Pathways to Home, a program of Embrace Families Solutions Inc., will locate and secure permanent housing for 20 child-welfare involved families who are experiencing homelessness. The project will prevent children from entering or re-entering the child welfare system through response to the family's housing needs. By providing supportive housing case management to include housing location, financial assistance, and supportive services, children and their families cease experiencing the trauma of homelessness and realize long-term housing stability. By preventing entry into formal out-of-home care, the system more effectively utilizes available taxpayer resources.

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

In addition to needs-based financial assistance, families will participate in intensive case management to address goals for self-sufficiency, including career training, job placement support, financial literacy training, landlord/ tenant mitigation and childcare options.

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

Participants will receive needs-based financial assistance, career training, job placement support, financial literacy training, landlord/ tenant mitigation, childcare options, payment of moving costs, rent assistance, utility assistance, case planning, and referrals to supportive services such as employment, mental health, behavioral health, and/ or substance abuse services.

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

Child welfare involved families living in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Specifically, persons with poor physical/ mental health, unemployed and economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless populations, developmentally disabled, drug users, and preschool through high school students/children. An estimated 50-75 individuals (20 families) will be served.

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

1) Less than 10% of families will return to homelessness within one year of discharge, as verified through cross-reference to local homeless Coordinated Entry System (HMIS) database and through participant follow-up at 12 months post-exit; and, 2) Less than 5% of children will enter/re-enter out-of-home care during program participation, as verified through cross-reference to Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) dependency records. Progress of participant families are also tracked using the Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix, a nationally recognized tool for homeless families, measuring domains such as income, food access, children's education, adult education, health care, life skills, family relations, parenting and mental health.

- 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?

Discussion with the Department on why measurements were missed and placed on a Corrective Action Plan, if needed, to allow opportunity for corrections to be made.



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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.