



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2137

1. **Project Title** 2. **Senate Sponsor** 3. **Date of Request** 4. **Project/Program Description**

Problem: Children ages 0-3 are the largest age group of maltreated children being removed from their homes, and they stay in foster care longer than other age groups. Early maltreatment is toxic to the developing brain, especially in the critical first 1,000 days of life when 80% of the brain is developed. Stable, early, nurturing relationships can repair and "hard-wire" brain pathways for lifelong mental health. Solution: Early Childhood Court (ECC) is a problem-solving court docket designed to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children ages 0 to 3 through an integrated treatment of intensive child/parent therapy, frequent visitation, developmental supports, utilization of trauma-informed judges, and monthly family team meetings and court hearings. Sarasota County has only one ECC with a wait list. DeSoto County has no ECC and is in desperate need of one. This funding would provide for one more ECC team in Sarasota and a 0.5 ECC team in DeSoto.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text" value="320,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	<input type="text" value="320,000"/>

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 type="text" value="320000"/>	<input type="text" value="69.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="130,000"/>	<input type="text" value="28"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="15,384"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input type="text" value="465,384"/>	<input type="text" value="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		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ NoIf 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	CEO, COO	11,758
Other Salary and Benefits	CFO, HR, Payroll, Accounts Payable/Receivables.	12,815
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	50% Program Director; 50% Asst. Program Director; 100% Child Welfare Case Manager; 100% licensed mental health clinician; 50% family advocate; 100% community coordinator; 25% MH Director.	278,242
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating supplies, IT, Support, Telephones, Insurance, Travel (Class A and B), Training, Client Assistance.	17,185
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		320,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Children from birth to age 3 in foster care will achieve permanency more quickly than those not enrolled in ECC (data between 2014-2018 shows permanency through reunification occurred approximately 8.5 months quicker than non-ECC children). Fewer children will return to care (22 ECC; 36 non-ECC). The parent/child relationship will improve as well as child well-being.

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

Intensive child welfare case management activities, frequent child-parent psychotherapy, frequent (3-4 X per week) parent/child visitation, transportations, monthly family team meetings, monthly court appearances.

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

Case management services, child-parent psychotherapy, therapeutic consultation with foster parents, teacher, other caregivers, child/foster parent transportation, supervised visitation.

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

Children from birth to age 3 in foster care. Approximately 20 additional children/families will be served in Sarasota County and 10 children/families will be served in DeSoto county.

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

All children enrolled will be referred to Early Steps for developmental evaluation if developmental screens indicate a developmental delay (tracked by case manager). Children enrolled in ECC will achieve permanency (reunification, permanent guardianship, adoption) more quickly than those not enrolled in ECC. Fewer children enrolled in ECC will return to care once permanency achieved (DCF database).

Child will resolve incurred trauma and improve emotional skills. Parents will resolve underlying trauma and improve parent/child relationship. (therapist will provide pre/post scores on the parent/child relationship scale and the DECA.)

- 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?

Performance Outcomes are clearly stated in current CBC contract with penalties for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures, up to and including, termination of the contract.



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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.