



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2512

1. Project Title Responsible Fatherhood Empowerment

2. Senate Sponsor Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Request 02/24/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The Responsible Fatherhood program aims to enhance fathers' participation in their children's lives through workshops, mentorship, and support groups with sites located in Lake and Northwest Orange Counties. The program aims to decrease delinquency and lower the risk of children entering the criminal justice system. Research has shown that children from single-parent households are more likely to be involved in the criminal justice system, as per "Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study" (FFCWS) by Princeton and Columbia University which highlighted that children from single-parent households have a greater chance of being victimized or committing crimes compared to those from two-parent households.

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

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	490,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	490,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	490,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	490,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 490,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Donations

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Project Director is responsible for developing and implementing a strategic plan, building and maintaining relationships with key partners and stakeholders, and monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the initiative., inclusive of salary, benefits & retirement.	65,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Asst. Manager & Clerical Support responsible for providing administrative & logistical support day-to-day management of the program, managing emails & correspondence, maintaining program records and documents, development & implementation of program activities, social media presence and website, data entry, filing, and answering phones, preparation of reports and other program materials.	70,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This initiative will involve limited expenses such as travel costs for professional trainers and guest speakers, marketing expenses to promote the initiative, as well as event center costs for career fairs and informational sessions. There will also be expenses related to the development and maintenance of an interactive Responsible Fatherhood Empowerment website and other on-line platforms.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Expenses for the Responsible Fatherhood Empowerment Initiative will include, computers, travel cost, event planning, office supplies, IT maintenance, insurance, rent, utilities, and costs associated with developing and implementing program activities.	40,000



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Contracted service expenses for this initiative will include the execution of several independent contracts with not-for profits entities, which will be deliverable based. There will also be consultancy fees for services contracts for evaluation of services, IT, and training.	275,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		490,000

14. Program Performance

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

The Responsible Fatherhood program aims to enhance fathers' participation in their children's lives through workshops, mentorship, and support groups. The aims to decrease delinquency and lower the risk of children entering the criminal justice system & enhance education. Research has shown that children from single-parent households are more likely to be involved in the criminal justice system, as per "Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study" (FFCWS) by Princeton and Columbia University.

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

The specific activities and services to be provided with these funds include: developing and implementing educational/vocational programs, Father-2-father mentorship programs, trauma informed therapeutic Services, home environment stabilization, improved student grades, behavior and attendance, and increased father /child engagement.

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

The following are itemized direct services that will be provided utilizing state funding, Parenting education, co-parenting support, financial management, employment assistance, health and wellness, social and emotional support services, to provide fathers with the support needed to be successful.

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

The target population served by this project is fathers who reside in at-risk communities and are looking to improve their parenting skills and involvement in their children's lives. 1. At-risk communities. 2. At-risk children, 3. Single parent households, 4. Diverse groups of men from socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. The number of individuals expected to be served is 250.

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

The expected outcomes are, 1. Improved child development, 2. Reduced risk of criminal justice involvement, 3. Stronger families, 4. Cost savings for public welfare system, 5. Better health outcomes, and 6. Increase in social cohesion. The methodologies that will be used to determine outcomes are: 1. Surveys & questionnaires, 2. Interviews, 3. Observations, 4. Data analysis, 5. Evaluating program attendance and completion rate, 6. Pre- and Post-test.

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 the contract?

Graduated prorated contract reduction amount based on factors directly related to provider deliverables performance.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number (407)925-1077

Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Florida Economic Consortium, Inc.

b. Municipality and County Seminole

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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b. Firm Name None

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number