



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3159

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

4. Project/Program Description

AMIkids, Inc. envisions the development of a kids-first, trauma-responsive campus to serve the ongoing and varied needs of the youth, young adults, and families that seek out our effective services each year. The AMIkids Center for Personal Growth would represent an innovative program solution that houses workforce development and training, family centric counseling and support, individualized education, experiential learning, comprehensive behavioral health services, and consolidated program administration in one centralized location to better respond to the needs of Florida families. The first phase in realizing this ambition is commissioning a year-long feasibility study to identify a suitable property, develop facility plans, and establish a phased construction timeline. AMIkids, Inc. requests \$250,000 to conduct the initial feasibility study.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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	250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
- b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

AMIkids continues to fundraise through private dollars and apply for federal grants; however, this money is used to enhance the work of supporting at-risk youth and does not supplant other dollars.



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

Yes

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

Four AMIkids programs that currently receive state funding received a total of \$1.6M in PPP. The funds were used to retain staff while incurring a reduction in school board and treatment funding. In addition, in order to best protect youth from COVID-19 & prevent outbreaks at our facilities, COVID funding was used for PPE, facility cleanings, and additional expenses, including staff overtime, incurred when youth quarantine or alternative services were necessary. All PPP loans have been forgiven.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2025

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.

The requested funding is going to cover the costs of performing a comprehensive feasibility study. The facility, once constructed, will be owned and operated by AMIkids, Inc.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Hiring of an external firm with experience to complete the feasibility study. Oversight of project implementation and management.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The funding from this request will enable AMIkids to hire a consultant to perform a feasibility study. AMIkids would like to develop a trauma-responsive campus to serve youth, families and staff in Florida. Prior to embarking on this endeavor, we wish to engage the professional services of an expert to guide us through building considerations, including location, costs, and timelines.

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

AMIkids will hire a consultant to perform the feasibility study and produce a list of recommendations by the end of the funding year.

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

We envision collecting stakeholder feedback (from youth, families, and community partners) during the feasibility study to help inform the consultant's recommendations. The facility that results from this study will directly serve citizens across Florida.

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

While the feasibility study will not directly serve constituents, the trauma-responsive campus will serve youth ages 11-24 and their families. We expect the feasibility study will inform us how many individuals can safely be served at one time, given space and resource considerations.

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

Youth, families and team members throughout Florida will have a trauma-responsive campus that empowers youth and families through workforce development and training in high-demand industries; on-site counseling and family services; individualized education offerings for youth needing non-traditional educational supports; and experiential learning opportunities.

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?

AMIkids may be subject to corrective action plan or financial consequences for not meeting specified outcomes/performance measures.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- ☐ 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number