



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3433

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

4. Project/Program Description

The mission of the All Star Children's Foundation (ASCF) is to build a brighter future for children in foster care through innovation, science, and compassion. ASCF is situated on a 5-acre campus that includes a pediatric outpatient mental health and research center, along with 6 single-family foster homes. ASCF provides comprehensive, evidence-based, trauma-focused services and supports that address the needs of children with child welfare involvement who live on our campus and in community relative, foster, and group homes.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	32%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,500,000	33%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	350,000	8%
Local	1,250,000	27%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,600,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,000,000	315	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

Other funding for ASCF's programs and services come through federal grants, local philanthropy, and partnerships with individual and family foundations. Another source of funding comes through a contract with the Safe Children Coalition, our local service provider for children in foster care.

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



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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
 N/A

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	Chief Program Officer, CEO, CFO	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Accounting, Marketing, Development, Administrative Staff	65,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Utilities, Repairs & Maintenance, Office Supplies, IT expense, Cleaning & Maintenance, Insurance	440,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional Fees, Outsourced Accounting/HR Services	35,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Clinical Director, Psychiatrist, Therapy Clinicians, Campus Director, Family Support Worker, Campus Coordinator, Campus Case Manager, Campus Caretaker	350,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Clinical Supplies, Training, Certifications, Workshops, Foster Parent Support Services, Enrichment, Community Outreach, Foster Parent Recruitment, Foster Home Supplies & Maintenance, Independent Living and Birth Parent Support Services	220,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Clinical Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychiatric Services, Medical Director	240,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. 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?

Funds will be used to implement our core programs including Foster care placement onto our campus, Evidence-based mental health services, Training foster parents and caregivers in trauma-informed parenting practices, Assessment and evaluation of children's needs, Consultation for providers and service systems, Dissemination of best practices, Multidisciplinary teaming, and family engagement. We also are implementing a trauma screen for children who enter foster care.

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

Direct services include evidence-based clinical therapy for children and caregivers, developmental therapies (e.g., speech and occupational therapies), psychological assessments, trauma screenings, case management, systems navigation and linkage to services, enrichment/extracurricular services, and training for community members and providers (e.g., schools, Guardian ad Litem volunteers, case managers, clinicians, etc.) on trauma and trauma-informed care.

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

Our target population for services and supports is children and families with child welfare involvement in the 12th judicial circuit, including licensed foster parents, relative caregivers, and birth families and their children. Training and consultation services are provided to various systems and professionals that intersect with children with trauma histories and child welfare involvement, including case managers, teachers, foster parents, mental health clinicians, Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteers, and court officials. We aim to serve 200-300 individuals during this funding cycle.

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

The expected benefit to children in foster care would include reduced trauma symptoms, improved emotional and behavioral functioning, and improved social skills. Outcomes are measured through a battery of caregiver and child-report forms administered quarterly. This battery includes standardized measures that assess children's overall mental health and well-being, trauma symptoms, psychological functioning, social skills, and adaptive skills. Benefits to foster parents working with ASCF include, improved trauma-informed parenting techniques, overall well-being, as well as retention and recruitment of foster parents into the circuit.

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?

Failing to meet deliverables could include implementing a corrective action plan to ensure deliverables and performance measures are met. Additionally, if agency fails to successfully complete the corrective action plan, funding would be discontinued.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number