



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1499

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Intensive Family Services Teams (IFST) work closely with families and the Florida Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigations Division to keep high-risk children in their homes with their families. The IFST program delivers non-judicial in-home wraparound services and programs to families who are willing to accept intensive supervision and services aimed at stabilizing the family.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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)	800,000	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 2024-2025	800,000	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.

No other sources available at this time

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

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



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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	Allocation of salaries for senior program director and program director	30,625
Other Salary and Benefits	Allocation of salaries for family resource coordinator and program administrative assistant	12,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Information technology support, professional liability insurance, property insurance, administrative support (rent, repair & maintenance, records, utilities, office supplies, postage, and phones)	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	1 case management team of 7 workers. The case management team will include 1 Case Management Supervisor, 5 certified child welfare case managers, and 1 Family Safety Worker.	463,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Flex Funds for families in need to stabilize home conditions and to assist families in achieving and maintaining safety and permanency within the home with items such as rent, utilities, transportation, food, clothing, legal representation and assistance with employment.	283,875
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)		800,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Intensive Family Services Teams work in collaboration with the local Child Protective Investigations Division in order to reduce the number of children being removed from their families. Keeping children out of foster care results in significant reductions in costs for the state since the average cost of care approximates \$20,000 per child per year. With this program, up to a 40% reduction in kids entering care has been achieved during some months when compared to prior year.

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

This funding would support a non-judicial in-home program offered to families who are willing to accept intensive supervision and services aimed at stabilizing the family. The purpose of the program is to ensure the protection of unsafe children that are at risk of abuse or neglect by working with families that are at risk of having the children removed from the home.

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

The team will provide intensive wrap-around services over a 6-to-12-month period based on the family's assessed needs as determined through multiple assessments and support for substance abuse issues.

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

Persons with poor mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, drug users (in health services), preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders (in criminal justice system), victims of crime. 201- 400 people 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?

Improve mental health. Improve quality of education. Increase or improve economic activity. Enhance specific individual's economic self-sufficiency. Reduce recidivism. Reduce substance abuse. Divert from Criminal/Juvenile Justice system: The recidivism rate for families successful closing Intensive Family Services Team services and retuning in the future will be measured and is expected to remain under 3.5%. Cost saving for keeping children out of a foster care setting are estimated to be \$20,000 per year, per child.

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?

Return of funds to the State if not used.

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