



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3620

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Partnership for Strong Families (PSF) is seeking legislative funding to help provide quality prevention services through our Family Resource Center (FRC) Network, specifically at our two rural sites, one in Lake City (NorthStar Family Resource Center), and another in Chiefland (Tri-County Community Resource Center), thus enhancing program access to rural communities and special populations especially during natural disasters. Our FRCs offer placed-based services within communities that are shown to have the greatest need due to historically limited access to resources and risk factors, such as disproportionate levels of poverty and verified child maltreatment. Our FRC Model utilizes a strengths-based approach to serve local communities and increase the presence of protective factors in patrons utilizing the FRCs' services.

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	468,732
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	468,732

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)	468,732	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	468,732	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.**

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



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Yes

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

Partnership for Strong Families reached \$1,260,200 in PPP loans. This federal assistance was used for payroll, medical, and a small amount of occupancy.

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	This line will cover the salary of six FTEs: 2 Resource Center Managers (one at each of the two rural sites) 2 Family Support Facilitators (one at each of the two rural sites) 2 Administrative Assistants (one at each of the two rural sites)	388,192
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This line will help to pay for expenses related to rural outreach and service provision, as well as travel to other meetings and events. It will also include office supplies, program supplies to assist in providing concrete supports to patrons, laptop equipment and maintenance, as well as communication expenses.	48,340
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	This line will help to pay for expenses related to the monthly rent at the NorthStar Family Resource Center (rent at our Tri- County Community Resource Center is free of charge), training and certifications for FRC staff, IT development and support, and copy machine rental at the two FRC sites.	32,200
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	468,732
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14. Program Performance

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

The communities served by our FRCs experience limited access to resources (especially during natural disasters), along with disproportionate rates of poverty, unemployment/ underemployment, single parent families, and other risk factors associated with abuse. Through multi-system collaborations, our FRC Network brings together partner agencies to increase the community’s capacity to support local children and families. Our local children and families deserve the continued support of our FRC Network that many trust as a safe place to seek assistance prior to reaching the crises that may lead to formal child welfare involvement.

Our Targeted Outcomes are as follows:

1. Recruitment of subject matter experts from within the target communities to better serve special populations.
2. Addressing the need to build the capacity of our rural FRCs, including recruitment of new partners and volunteers.
3. Recruitment of partners to fill potential service gaps, thus increasing our service arra

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

Using the evidence-informed Strengthening Families and Protectives Factors Framework, each service offered through our FRC Network is tied to one of five protective factors, which research has shown reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect when present in families. All services are also free of charge to the community thanks to a multi-system collaborative, including more than 80 community partners from across the five sectors. This service network coordination was extremely beneficial to residents of the community during hurricane Idalia.

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

We partner with larger entities such as the library district, county government, and grassroots community groups, as well as more than 80 agencies who collaborate with the FRCs to provide services at no cost to families. Services range from concrete supports to financial literacy and employability programs, and children’s academic and enrichment programs. Every service offered is tied to one of the five protective factors, which when present in families are shown to reduce the likelihood of abuse or neglect. Each FRC evolves to meet the specific needs of the community it is located within and excels at involving community members in guiding decisions. It is this multi-system collaborative, with representation from across the five sectors (public, business, philanthropy, community, and nonprofit), that has allowed us to blend funding, expand services to meet the needs of our patrons, and enhance the community’s ability to leverage resources to benefit populations most in need.

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

As documented in PSF’s 2022 Family Resource Center Annual Report, our FRC Network had 27,487 patron visits and addressed 36,989 unique service requests. 72% of the services delivered were related to providing concrete supports to assist in reducing poverty and increasing access to resources, resulting in a decreased likelihood of child maltreatment. This number encompasses our entire network of FRCs, however we attended to 12,909 patron visits at our two rural sites in 2022, and anticipate to serve approximately the same number, annually, through this funding opportunity.

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

Research indicates economic insecurity and material hardship are known contributors to child welfare system involvement. Chapin Hall’s Evidence to Impact Tool, a summary of peer-reviewed research related to reducing risk for child maltreatment and child welfare involvement, supports the need for the type of assistance and services provided at FRC’s (Chapin Hall, 2023). Through the proposed project, PSF will strengthen and stabilize our existing FRC network, while also building our capacity to serve priority populations. Project outcomes include increasing service provision to special populations, expanding services and programs available within rural communities, and positively impacting the protective factors of our patrons.

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?

PSF will work with DCF to develop deliverables and project metrics to ensure full scope delivery of this project.



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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)
- 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