



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1647

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Update the now decades old FL Guardianship Ethics Project initially created in collaboration with the Florida Bioethics Network, the Florida State Guardianship Association and the University of Miami Ethics Programs. The current proposed project has two primary goals:

- Update the ethics curriculum for guardians, lawyers, family members, judges and others, and conduct trainings statewide.
- Fostering a mechanism to review and improve ethics policies related to guardianship practices.

Project's initial impetus was provided by the Statewide Public Guardianship Office (now OPPG) within Florida's Dept. of Elder Affairs. Supported by the FL Bioethics Network, the statewide FL State Guardianship Asso., along with numerous practitioners and respective organizations such as state designated public guardian offices and disabilities advocacy groups. Enhance training will provide on-point training recommended by the FL Clerk's Guardianship Improvement Task Force led by Pinellas Clerk Ken Burke.

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	96,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>96,000</b>

**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)	96,000	73%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	35,000	27%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>131,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**



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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.

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Director, contracted services, to coordinate and supervise all deliverables, ensure quality standards.	8,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training venues across the state, corresponding audiovisual technical support, web online content technical assistance, travel, supplies, and materials.	58,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Recognized subject-matter experts in bioethics and guardianship law to assist with ethics content, case studies, and enhancing best practices. Actual trainings included.	30,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>96,000</b>

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?**

The FL Guardianship Foundation has been recognized in statute since 2003 as a non-profit that can provide contractual services to the Dept. of Elder Affairs. Project will update the very dated Ethics Curriculum created in 2006 along with course materials, and expand the training to provide a series of in-person and hybrid workshops on guardianship and ethics throughout Florida and online. Service area statewide, and to ensure all of the 6 Regions outlined by DCF are covered at a minimum.

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

Though seemingly indirectly for the intended beneficiary, those most vulnerable, these individuals will assuredly gain in general nonetheless. Practitioners will be better prepared and qualified to assist having the resources for improved decision making processes. The added responsiveness to the individual situation contributes directly to increased person-centered care and attention.

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

Target population is statewide and plan that well over 800 individuals will participate in the trainings. Participants to include guardians, licensed social workers, family members, lawyers, and judges. Vulnerable populations to include elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, and even substance abusers.

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

Few professionals face issues as complex, and as ethically challenging as those practicing in guardianship. The decision-making processes are already complicated and resources to assist are limited. Accordingly, enhancing the education and training will provide more resources and better empower the practitioners to specially assist those being served. Will be partnering with various related organizations and interested parties such as licensed social workers, disability advocacy groups, the Alzheimer's Association, mental health groups, attorneys, and judges. Provide reports of all those receiving the enhanced education and training, and by professional categories as well to in order at a minimum indicate the level of participation.

**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 unused funds if unable to perform deliverables as presented and/or reduction in funding if unable to complete all deliverables planned.

**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



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#### 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