



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2830

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Child Advocacy Centers are responsible for the coordination and facilitation of the Multidisciplinary Teams in their communities which ensures services are provided to children who are victims of physical and sexual abuse, trafficking, witness to crime, are drug endangered, those who witness domestic violence, and more. This project is to help maintain level services to victims of crime for CACs experiencing budget cuts from VOCA due to the deficit in the Crime Victims Fund.

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	4,890,625
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	4,890,625

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)	4,890,625	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	4,890,625	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.**

Federal funds from the Crime Victims Fund through VOCA Grants. Anticipate the fund will be more sustainable in the next few years.

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	In order to support the administrative aspects of the "Bridge The Gap" Project, the FNCAC would hire a Grant Manager who would provide QA, monitoring, and technical support to CACs.	76,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Monitoring, Training, Equipment, and Travel Costs	14,625
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Subawards to CACs experiencing cuts to their VOCA awards	4,800,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,890,625

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?

Florida's CACs will use Bridge the Gap- VOCA state funding to facilitate the multidisciplinary team approach to child-abuse investigations in their communities and provide direct services, training, and technical supports to partners and child victims of abuse. The Florida Network of CAC, supports the CACs at a statewide level to promote the national model and standards of accreditation established by the National Children's Alliance and will provide monitoring and technical assistance to CACs receiving funds under this project.

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

Core CAC Services to include victim advocacy, trauma-informed mental health, case management, forensic interviews, medical evaluations, and psychiatric evaluations will be provided to citizens through this project. Additionally, coordination and facilitation of current best practices and training modalities will be offered to multidisciplinary teams in the state by the Florida Network of CACs.

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

The target population for this project are child-victims of abuse and their families, multidisciplinary partners such as law enforcement, state attorneys offices, mental health professionals, etc., and local community stakeholders. CACs report serving over 30,000 children in 2022. We anticipate that the projects from this fund will provide service to approximately 10,000 children.

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 from funding for this project is to help CACs maintain level services to child victims in their communities. CACs provide monthly financial invoices, data reports, and are monitored by the FNCAC both virtually and in-person. The National Children's Alliance's standards of accreditation require that each individual center collect initial and follow-up surveys from families and the multidisciplinary partners either through the Outcome Measurement System available at a national level or their through own standard practice. The FNCAC may review survey results at any time. The FNCAC administers a bi-annual Membership Survey to its members in order to continuously improve its services and engagement with CACs.

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?

Penalties for non-compliance will be detailed in subawards to each CAC.

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



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- 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