



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1465

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To be able to provide free equine-assisted therapy services to all our pediatric participants, to include children with cancer, in the foster system or who have been adopted, children with physical, emotional, or behavioral challenges, and children of active-duty military and veterans. Services include physical, occupational, or speech therapies incorporating hippotherapy, emotional/behavioral health support services, and Horse Powered Reading® and math for educational and learning disabilities.

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	120,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	120,000

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)	120,000	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	120,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	75,000	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.

Currently we are an approved provider for Step Up for Students. We actively raise money throughout the year from our generous supporters through fundraising campaigns and our website. We also host a Derby Day event, which is our annual fundraiser, that secures monetary support from individuals and local businesses who support our mission.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Free equine-assisted therapy to all our pediatric participants, to include children w/ cancer, in the foster system, who have been adopted, those w/ physical, emotional, or behavioral challenges, and children of active duty and military veterans. Services include physical, occupational, or speech therapies incorporating hippotherapy, emotional/behavioral health support services, & Horse Powered Reading® for educational & learning disabilities.	120,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		120,000

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?

Physical therapy incorporating hippotherapy, emotional and behavioral support, equine facilitated learning, adaptive horse riding, Horse Powered Reading® and math, and various support groups for caregivers.

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

Physical therapy incorporating hippotherapy, emotional and behavioral support, equine facilitated learning, adaptive horse riding, Horse Powered Reading® and math to children children w/ cancer, children in the foster system, or who have been adopted, those w/ physical, emotional/behavioral/learning challenges, and children of active duty and military veterans.

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

Children with poor mental or physical health, children who are economically disadvantaged, or at risk, children that are developmentally or physically disabled, pre-school, grade school and high school students, children with cancer & their families, children in the foster system or recently adopted and caregivers. Number expected to be served 101-200.

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

Improve physical, emotional & behavioral health by improving quality of life and independence through equine assisted therapies. These activities result in improvement in the ability to walk, balance, core strength, body awareness, and coordination, coping skills for things like depression, PTSD, anxiety, etc., increased confidence and focus, lowering distraction, and situational awareness. Measured by using a survey of function at the time of the child's first visit and discharge.
 Improve quality of education through the use of Horse Powered Reading® and math for children that struggle with a learning disability or other diagnosis that would result in difficulty in learning (dyslexia, auditory processing disorder, ASD, ADHD, etc.) We service children who are home-schooled due to various reasons such as being in the foster system, who have severe physical disabilities, trauma or experience behavioral challenges. Measured through testing, or school reports.

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?

Contract termination, and return of unused service funds, if any. Data review and evaluation to determine reason for inability to meet deliverables and implement fail-safes for the future.

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