



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3581

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A pilot program designed to increase kinship placements for Florida children in foster care through the community-based care agencies (CBCs). By identifying kin early in the foster care process, Florida can increase the number of children that are reunited and adopted and decrease the number of children who "age out" of foster care without a support network. The service to be provided is an online, secure, and collaborative tool that will improve kinship placements in Florida. The tool will track the end-to-end process of a family finding worker. It should generate a large list of potential kin and send bulk outreach to potential kin. The tool will track the relationships and generate a family tree for visualization of the kinship network.

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	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	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	600,000	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.

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	Contract with a Software as a Service (SaaS) platform with experience in administering child welfare technology.	600,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		600,000

14. Program Performance

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

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



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

The tool will generate the child's individual network and engage relative and non relative kin thereby increasing kinship placements for children in Florida foster care.

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

The requested funds will be used to serve over 800 at-risk and homeless youth in the foster care system.

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

Children who are placed with kin are more likely to have positive outcomes when they are placed within their community of origin and with siblings. Additionally, placing a child with kin reduces both the financial burden of the state and supports better outcomes for the child. The national average cost to keep a child in care is between \$32,000 and \$65,000 annually and children being placed with kin have a 48% chance of being adopted out of foster care. The software will have reporting on success of placements within a kinship family and supportive network. The agency can monitor changes in the adoption and placement rates to assess the efficacy of the pilot program.

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?

Revocation of funds.

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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number